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Background Of Geographical Problems of American Baptists

(Editor's Note: An address at Ridgecrest 1948, by Dr. W. O. Carver, Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion and Missions, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and President, The Southern Baptist Historical Society. Part I of four parts).

Baptist people do not readily unite nor easily co-operate. With them the sense of community is not strong and the conviction for fellowship not compelling. They do not easily co-ordinate obligation to maintain loyalty to individual integrity and local church autonomy with the demand of the Spirit for "love toward all the saints" (Col. 1:4). They do not easily harmonize the need for contending earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3) and the imperative call to "stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27) and "giving diligence to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).



There are reasons for this fact which need to be known, appreciated, and adjusted to other factors in the (Continued on Page Two)

Meadows to Speak On Miss. Radio Hour



REV. W. L. MEADOWS

Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor of the First Church, Quitman will be the speaker of the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, November 14, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WVBM, Brookhaven.

HOW TO PREPARE CHURCH PUBLICITY FOR NEWSPAPERS

By C. Sylvester Green, D. D.

Editor's note: A very helpful article entitled, "How to Prepare Church Publicity for Newspapers" appeared in the Brotherhood Journal for July, August, September. The author is Dr. C. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham (N. C. Herald and former pastor and college president. The editor has revised it for Baptist Record use instead of for daily papers as it was originally written.

Let no one deny that the gospel story is really good news in just the same sense that any great story. It is really good news in just the same sense that the gospel story is really news because it is about people, human and divine. It is news because its pattern is for people, and news because it knows no distinctions or classes.

It seems a great pity that there is not more church news in the papers. This is not the fault of the papers in the main. They do not print Church news primarily because it is not made available to them, that its value im-

presses the editor or because it is not properly prepared.

If church leaders could develop a sense of news, advise some means for gathering the news, give it to the paper in proper fashion, there would be much more news in the papers.

What Is News

Church happenings are news. Anything that happens at a church is news.

What determines interest? First, there should be a clear, brief statement of the basic facts. Try to put in the first paragraph the five W's: Who, What, When, Where, and Why; sometimes even How.

Get in as many names as possible. Names are always news. But be sure that the names are correct: correctly spelled, proper initials, proper office.

Who Should Gather The News

Arrange for one person to handle all the news for an institution, church, or school. If possible have a reporter. (We often get two or three reports

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Baptists To Meet In Jackson Monday Night November 15

Men For The Master

By C. E. Bryant

I sat in a meeting of business men today and heard them talk about lost souls. They rejoiced in opportunities met and wept over opportunities lost.

It was a unique group because each man present represented a state of the Southern Baptist territory extending from Maryland to California. Each is an expert in the world of making money. Some are executives, some merchants, some lawyers, two are ranchers. Their chiefest thing in common is Jesus Christ the Lord.

The men had come to Memphis by plane and train at the call of Lowson H. Cooke, executive secretary, and his associates, Hugh F. Latimer and George W. Schroeder, of Baptist Brotherhood of the South. It was the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention's committee on this mighty movement of men for the Master.

Sought God's Will

For two days these men sought God's will for their lives and for the lives of their fellowmen. They prayed and talked, and prayed and talked some more, that the Lord would use the Baptist Brotherhood for the advancement of His Kingdom. They did not seek revolutionary methods: only the enlistment of men in active participation in the regular work of Baptist churches.

A four point emphasis for 1949 was (Continued on Page Five)

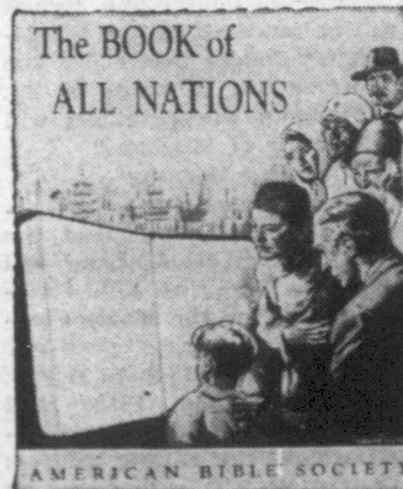
The one hundred thirteenth annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, which convenes in the First Baptist Church of Jackson on November 15-18, will hear reports of probably the greatest year's work in the history of Mississippi Baptists.

Preliminary reports indicate that the past year was our greatest in the number of baptisms and the amount of gifts through the Cooperative Program.

The program committee, composed of Dr. R. A. Tullos, Rev. J. H. Kyzar, Dr. Judson Chastain, Dr. W. D. Hudgins, and Rev. W. L. Compere, has prepared a well-rounded program.

With more than 1,500 messengers and visitors expected to attend the three-day session, the Convention will be called to order Monday evening at 7:00 by President Auber J. Wilds of Oxford. Mr. Wilds is a layman and Training Union Secretary for Mississippi. He is also the oldest, in years of service, of any department head connected with Mississippi Baptist work. Following the devotional period led by Troy Mohon of Newton, the Convention will be organized and visitors and new pastors recognized. The President's message will be delivered by President Wilds. The Committee on Committees will then report and the Glee Club of Blue Mountain will render special music. The Convention sermon will then be preached by Dr. Webb Brame, pastor of the First Church of Yazoo City or (Continued on Page Two)

Bible Society Offers Free Material For Bible Reading



"The Book of All Nations" is the 1948 theme of the Worldwide Bible Reading, Thanksgiving to Christmas, sponsored annually by the American Bible Society.

Bookmarks listing the Bible passages suggested for each day from Thanksgiving to Christmas; an attractive poster in colors; and other special materials for the churches, are available from the Society without charge. Samples have been mailed to pastors; supplies are sent to them in quantities they request.

Individuals and organizations within the churches are requested to ask their pastors for the supplies they (Continued on Page Five)

The Baptist Record Every Family Plan Helps Reach The Unenlisted

BAPTISTS TO MEET IN JACKSON

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his alternate, Dr. G. E. Wiley, pastor of the First Church, Grenada.

Tuesday Sessions

Tuesday morning Ralph W. Gilbert of Jackson will lead the devotional period followed by business items and the presentation of the Convention Board report. After the presentation of resolutions the following reports will be made: Social Service, Christian Education, the American Bible Society by T. T. Holloway, The Baptist Record by A. L. Goodrich, and the Orphanage by W. G. Mize.

At eleven o'clock miscellaneous business will be taken up and at 11:15 an address on "The Christian Home" will be delivered by Dr. F. Gibson Davis, pastor of Temple Church, Memphis.

The afternoon devotional will be led by G. W. Causey of Hattiesburg. After this the following reports will be heard: Report of Committee to Review Convention Board Report, Baptist Student Union by Charles W. Horner, Brotherhood by W. R. Roberts, Baptist Training Union by Auber J. Wilds, Woman's Missionary Union by Miss Edwina Robinson, Sunday School by E. C. Williams, the Baptist Sunday School Board by Dr. Clifton J. Allen, Church Music by Lester White, Evangelism and Stewardship by Martin J. Gilbert, Institutional Visitation by J. B. Parker. After the report of the Committee on Nominations at 4:40, a period has been provided for a general discussion of State Missions and Miscellaneous business.

Tuesday Evening

W. P. Bobo of Greenwood will lead the Tuesday evening devotional. Following this, the following reports will be made: Committee to review Social Service by Dr. John W. Landrum, Mississippi Baptist Hospital by Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, Baptist Memorial Hospital by P. M. B. Self and Temperance by Dr. W. L. Holcomb.

After special music by the Mississippi College choir, Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Executive Secretary, will make the closing address, using as his subject, "The Convention Board and State Missions."

Wednesday Sessions

The Wednesday morning session will be opened with a devotional led by P. E. Cunningham of Vicksburg. Joe T. Odle of Gulfport, will then present the report of the Relief and Annuity Board. After a general discussion of Social Service the Committee on Nominations for Trustees of Institutions will report followed by the report of the Committee to Review Christian Education. Five minute reports will then be heard from the following seminaries: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Seminary, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will then speak on "Theological Education."

On Wednesday afternoon Lyle V. Corey of Meridian, will lead the opening devotional. The following reports will then be heard: Ministerial Education by Prof. Norman O'Neal, Training Negro Ministers by Fred B. Bookter, Special Committee to Study Mississippi Baptist Education Program by R. D. Pearson. After a general discussion of Christian Education the report of the Committee on Nomination of College Trustees will be heard. Dr. J. L. Boyd, Sr., will report on the Baptist Historical Society and Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promo-

**DR. MERRILL D. MOORE**

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, of Nashville, Tennessee (Mississippian), Director of Promotion of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will address the Mississippi Baptist Convention at 4 p. m., on Wednesday, November 17. He will discuss the Cooperative Program.

**DR. J. D. GREY**

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Church, New Orleans, will bring the closing address to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which meets in Jackson next week. Dr. Grey is scheduled to speak at 11:20 a. m., on Thursday, November 18. His subject will be "Evangelism."

GREEN LEADS REVIVAL AT DAVIS MEMORIAL

The members of Davis Memorial Baptist Church have been blessed during the Revival Services that closed October 29. Dr. W. R. Green, President of Clarke Memorial College was the visiting preacher. Dr. Green brought some wonderful messages during the meeting that stirred the hearts of the people who attended. Three were received by letter and six for baptism.

The music of the meeting was in the efficient hands of the choir director of Davis Memorial Church, A. D. Huffman and Mrs. A. Sidney Johnston served as pianist.

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Love of neighbor and love of God are inseparable. We cannot have the former without the latter. Many social reformers and political idealists emphasize love of neighbor and neglect love of God. Some religionists are inclined to stress love of God as the chief core of religion and neglect to emphasize love of neighbor.—Editorial in *The Teacher*.

tion and Associate Secretary of the Executive Committee will speak on "The Cooperative Program." After Dr. B. C. Land brings the report on the Baptist Foundation, the annual election of officers will be held.

Wednesday Evening

G. R. Sykes will lead the opening devotional on Wednesday evening. The following reports will then be heard: Home Missions by Dr. L. E. Green, and Foreign Missions by Dr. W. A. Bell. Rev. H. A. Hunderup of New Orleans will speak for the Southern Baptist Relief Center and special music will be rendered by the Mississippi Woman's College Glee Club. The closing address will be made by Dr. John D. Freeman whose subject will be "The Meaning of Missions."

Thursday Morning

On Thursday morning Fred L. Houston of Booneville will lead the devotional. Dr. Herbert L. Lang will speak on Negro Work and A. L. Gatewood will report for the Radio Committee.

Two committees will then report, Resolutions and Time, Place and Preacher. After disposing of miscellaneous business the closing address of the Convention will be delivered by Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Church, New Orleans. His subject will be "Evangelism."

BACKGROUND OF

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making of the one body of the Christ. The reasons are found in part in strong convictions concerning essential Christian principles which have been wholly or partially submerged and neglected in the course of Christian history and by the vast majority of the major denominations. These fundamental and central Christian beliefs tend naturally to sectionalism unless held in check by other elements of our religion. The contempt, oppression, and persecution experienced by those who placed their essential Biblical concepts at the center of faith and practice made them exclusive, fearful of and always on guard against superior authority over individual and congregation and tended toward provincialism and isolation.

When the Reformation movement arose in the mid-centuries, one of the four major forms of it was the Anabaptists. They were the only thorough-going reformers. All the rest stopped short of the logical and scriptural goal of the reformation principles: (1) salvation by faith alone in Christ Jesus; (2) the Bible, the Bible alone, the faith of Protestantism. All the rest retained: (1) infant baptism, which negates the personal salvation principle; (2) state church, which negates both individual responsibility in Christ and the autonomy of the Christian Church as a spiritual democracy.

The Anabaptists arose in numerous unconnected groups in several different countries. Their individualism and group autonomy were taken too exclusively. They lacked the sense and conviction of Christian community. They formed no denominational fellowship and undertook no common task that would draw them together as one body of believing witnesses. They remained many different groups of independent churches, recognizing no inter-dependent unity.

Baptists Suppressed

Modern Baptists in Great Britain and the United States arose in the midst of a Christendom dominated by this Protestant State Church system, holding to the belief that organic and organized Christianity demands church unity, endowed and enforced by the political authority as guided by the ecclesiastical authority. Thus all Baptists in both continents until well into the nineteenth cen-

tury experienced various forms of suppression, oppression, persecution, contempt.

In America their excessive emphasis on individualism, independence, and fragmentation was stimulated further by the conditions of pioneer life in a vast territory, sparsely occupied and with limited facilities for intercommunication and extensive fellowship. Out of all this grew up in America a people with a common name and in general with common experiences, beliefs, and practices, but with no such unity as could constitute them a proper denomination.

For nearly 200 years Baptists increased slowly and then more rapidly under the relaxing of restrictions and hindrances, which the development of democratic urges produced, before there was any general institution or organization to express and promote the sense of oneness among all the scattered churches. Prior to that, two needs had drawn Baptist leaders into common undertakings: to propagate and to defend the principle of religious liberty; and to produce a competent leadership in an educated ministry.

Baptist Growth Phenomenal

The progress of the nation along the lines of Baptist principles was attended by phenomenal growth of Baptist churches in all sections of the expanding Republic. Then a new factor entered to draw Baptists toward a common unity, the urge of the missionary obligation. American Baptists were preoccupied with the pressure of urgent opportunities and obligations near at hand and had as yet no such contacts with the call of heathen need as the expanding Empire presented to every British Christian.

It was not until four years after Congregationalists had led the way and until the New Testament, the Holy Spirit, and Carey and Marshman and Ward in India had led the Judsons and Luther Rice into the Baptist fold that American Baptists were ready to organize for world missions. The Baptist denomination was a direct product of the missionary interests. Until 1814 there was in the United States a Baptist people but no Baptist denomination with unity of consciousness, with corporate fellowship, with organic life and common responsibility for the gospel.

The General Convention was nationwide, but it was very far from comprehending all the churches. It was a convention of such American Baptists as were concerned for and committed to missions, at first foreign missions only.

But it was a general, American-wide organization of Baptists, the first in our history. That general, all-American emphasis continued and is a determinative feature in the tensions and the crisis which have troubled us in the convention history of American Baptists.

HOME MISSION NEED RECOGNIZED

By 1817 the need for home missions was recognized and a special committee set up to consider this and to do something in that way, but this remained only a stepchild of the body.

The first compelling interest to share with foreign missions the concern of the Convention was education of leadership. But concern for a wider application of education and the concentration of interest and support on state institutions doomed the Convention's scheme for one general Baptist institution, Columbian College.

The need for literature was instant, urgent, and growing, with the result that a separate organization was effected in 1824 and named (in 1828) the American Baptist Publication Society. In 1832 the American Baptist Home Mission Society was constituted.

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Southern Baptist churches have an expanding Bible-teaching program. Traditionally, our Bible-teaching program was pitched on Sunday morning. Church leaders are beginning to see other Bible-teaching opportunities beyond the Sunday morning period.—J. N. Barnette in *The Sunday School Builder*.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

GOD LOOKED FOR A MAN

"I looked for a man . . . but I found none," God in Ezekiel 22:30.

THE WORLD LOOKS FOR A MAN

The world today is looking for men who are not for sale; men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core; men with consciences as steady as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels; men who will tell the truth and look the world right in the eye; men who neither drag nor run, men who neither flag nor flinch; men who can have courage without shouting it; men in whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep and strong; men who know their message and tell it; men who know their place and fill it; men who know their business and attend to it; men who will not lie, shirk or dodge; men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor; men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for; men who are not ashamed to say "no" with emphasis and who are not ashamed to say "I can't afford it."

I

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of, therefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain day and night."

"Pray without ceasing." I Thessalonians 5:17.

An unprecedented thing will take place during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It is a thing unheard of so far as we know. Three all night prayer meetings will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, November 15-16-17. The place is the Prayer Room of the Baptist Building within one block of First Baptist Church, the site of the Convention. As to time, each prayer meeting will start at 6:00 p. m., and continue until dawn with maybe time out for the evening session of the Convention itself. The personnel: the pastor and laymen of Ocean Springs Baptist Church will be in charge of the service through Monday night. If you have never been in one of their prayer meetings, you have missed an opportunity of a lifetime. Tuesday night Clarke College Ministerial students will be in charge. In them we have another spiritual group. Wednesday night the Mississippi College Ministerial students will be in charge. Here is another great group.

Pastors and laymen, associational missionaries, B. S. U. secretaries, and all other messengers and visitors to the Convention are urged to attend at least part of these prayer meetings.

The purposes of the prayer meetings are: First, to claim the promises of God. Do you know any of His promises? See Matthew 18:20. Psalm 2:8. Matthew 28:18-20. Second, confession of sin. See Nehemiah 1:5-11. Psalm 32. Psalm 51. I John 1:9. Third, pray for the lost. In John 17 Jesus prays for these. I Timothy 2:1-6. Fourth, seek God's will. John 7:17. Romans 8. Fifth, that we may have the very spirit of Christ! Sixth, that His Kingdom may come and that His will may be done on earth as it is done in Heaven. Matthew 6:8-15. Luke 11. Seventh, that we as the people of Christ may move out like a mighty army in a great soul winning, missionary teaching and training work for Christ. Romans 10.

You are invited and urged to attend these prayer meetings. Nothing like it before and it will probably be a long time before you will see it again at a Convention. Yet why should this be?

II

This one thing we know, Mississippi Baptists are now more nearly ready for an all out offensive campaign for Christ than ever before in their history. All of our work is out of debt. All of our in-

stitutions save one are in the high places. That one will be on top of the world after a successful financial campaign next year. We have the leadership, the organization, the spirit, the harmony, a God great enough to take us to the high places for Him, a Saviour marvelous enough to inspire us to go places for Him, and the Holy Spirit as a sufficient leader.

We have never seen a church defeated by outside forces. If a church is defeated, it is defeated from within. If Mississippi Baptists fail now, it will be their own fault, not the fault of the bootleggers, the gamblers, and a thousand others outside. Defeat will only come from betrayers inside. That was the way it came at Thermopylae.

We must not fail. Too much is at stake. We win with Jesus.

God's people need to confess their sins unto Him. God's people need to consecrate themselves to the Lord. God's people need to go out in a great campaign to win the lost. We need to do personal soul winning, home soul winning, church soul winning, community soul winning, associationalwide soul winning, statewide soul winning, southwide soul winning, and worldwide soul winning, Romans 10. John 1.

God's people need to bring tithes and offerings to the house of the Lord. Mississippi Baptists doing that would bring a minimum of three to five times the amount they have been bringing.

God's people need to enlist the unenlisted. We need to live for Christ.

A team will not win the game by continually fumbling the ball at the goal line. Even a dark horse has to get in the race if he is to win. One cannot have a merchant fleet by sinking his ships. Communists may shoot their generals but only some church folks do it in the back. We cannot go places by ditching our automobile. We will not build up transportation by being train wreckers.

"A good thing to remember and a better thing to do is work with the construction gang and not with the wrecking crew."

Every Mississippi Baptist church should have its quota of messengers at the Convention. This means one within the first 100 members and one for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof. They should come as God's good men and women bent upon building His church and not tearing it to pieces. Matthew 16. They should come with a purpose of aiding in bringing in His Kingdom and not upon dissipating its forces. "Thy Kingdom Come." Matthew 6.

We think it would help in clearing the way for a great work should every Mississippi Baptist read the thirteen chapters of the book of Nehemiah. Always from the start you will find the builder and the hinderer, the worker and the shirker.

We think it would help then if you read the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians seeing some things that plagued New Testament church life and some things that forwarded the work and brought victory.

Then read the marching orders Jesus gave His churches as found in the last verses of Matthew. Also read Acts 1:8 and Romans 10. Let us build our plans according to Bible blueprints.

III

When we took over the Business Management of The Baptist Record, newsprint was costing approximately \$50 a ton. The present quotation is \$105 a ton. When we took over the Business Management, salaries in the Mailing department stood at \$90, \$100, or \$110 per month. Persons in that department now get \$140, \$150, \$160 and maybe \$170 per month. Printing and materials used in

getting out the paper have gone up in price in proportion. Notwithstanding these facts and the additional fact that this year we voluntarily reduced by about 20% our volume of advertising, we netted a profit above \$14,000 on The Baptist Record. Every penny of this goes back in the work as has been true in past years when a profit was realized. We believe the King's business deserves the best.

IV

We had a great Eighth District Brotherhood meeting at Central Baptist Church, McComb. A splendid group of pastors attended the meeting along with a congregation of men that completely filled the house of worship. Mr. Robinson, president, and his officers, had worked diligently in making preparations. Host pastor, Fred Bookter, had things in order and the ladies of his church served a delicious supper to the group. Mr. Holmes, State President of Brotherhood, was present. He is a splendid Christian personality. Over 200 men were present.

We were at the Southeast Pastors' Conference at Laurel. The meeting was well attended and the spirit excellent. This is one of the most dynamic groups to be found anywhere. We heard others in good messages and had the privilege of speaking to the group. Pastor W. L. Meadows is president.

We drove down to Simpson and found the house of worship at Stonewall overflowing with folks. We were happy to have fellowship with the brethren as they considered some forward steps in their work.

At night we were at the Mississippi College Ministerial Association, Rev. Joe Cooper, president. We were delighted to speak to them about vital matters. We have always felt a primary reason for a Christian college is the ministerial students. Some fine ones are in this group.

The next day we were down at Union Association at Union Church. It was the best meeting we have attended of that association. For one thing they have more resident pastors than we have known them to have before. Moderator Chumbley saw that we had plenty of time to bring an inspirational message in presenting the work.

We closed this associational session in a whirl of activity—on Thursday attending Yazoo in the morning, Copiah in the afternoon, and Pike in the evening. Each association was well attended, reports were good, and the spirit contagious.

Last year and the year before we did not make so many associations. In other years we had made from fifteen to seventy-nine each year, one year making eight of them the second time. The last two or three years some new department heads had come into the work and we felt we should do them the courtesy of allowing them precedence in making associations. Our Bible teaches us "in honor preferring one another." However, the brethren were demanding that we come to them again so we made approximately thirty associations these two months. We are sure we have never been received more cordially nor seen a greater interest manifest by the people for the work of Christ.

This year we used a few Board members in making those associations in which we could not personally represent the Convention Board office. Convention Board members and particularly Executive Committee members know phases of the work that no one outside this office knows in detail. This made them peculiarly fitted for representing the work of Mississippi Baptists. Everywhere we heard reports of a work well done. We thank them sincerely. MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH.

V

We spoke at Youth for Christ, Jackson, Saturday night. Several hundred people were present and the Lord was there. There was one profession of faith and seven dedications. The Clarke Col-

LOYALTY TO CHRIST

When October 1 started a new Sunday School year, John D. Davis, layman of Greenville Miss. com-



Mr. Davis

pleted 19 years as a 100% member on the six-point record grade in Sunday School. This was planned. It did not just happen.

Even on vacations, the schedule included Sunday School and church. In all these years he was never sick on Sunday.

Not only has he chalked up a fine record here, but in all his church affiliations. He has been superintendent and teacher and deacon. He did not limit his interest and time to his own community, but served for some time on the state board, being president, both of the board and the executive committee. He is now teaching the men's Bible class and is chairman of the deacons at East Greenville Church.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- November 15—Mississippi Baptist Convention; Peggy Bonner, Millsaps BSU President.
- November 16—Mississippi Baptist Convention; O. H. Longcoy, President, Gulf Coast Brotherhood; James Merritt, Mississippi College BSU President.
- November 17—Mississippi Convention, Jackson; Loretta Nichols, BSU President, Hinds Junior College.
- November 18—W. D. Cole, Neshoba County Convention Board member; Kathryn Null, BSU President, Co-Lin Junior College.
- November 19—Mrs. G. M. Rogers, Hospital Hostess, Mississippi College; Joyce Saxon, Mississippi Southern BSU President.
- November 20—Troy M. Mohon, Clarke College Faculty; Louise Wadell, Woman's College BSU President.
- November 21—Leo Fillingane, Lebanon Association Training Union Director; Mack Jones, BSU President, Jones Junior College.

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No Sunday School teacher, nor pastor for that matter, can possibly tell the people all that they need to know. By getting the state paper into the hands of the people and encouraging them to read it, he will supplement everything else that he tries to do.—L. L. Carpenter in The Sunday School Builder.

lege choir sang some special numbers to the profit of all of us. Harold Jordan, always in charge of the service, with his spirituality and friendliness, helped make the service a good one.

Sunday morning we flew down to Columbia to be with Pastor Guy Little and the other saints at East Columbia. This was our first visit to this church. Records show that we get into approximately fifty new churches each year. While repeating at many churches, we see to it that we also keep making new ground. We have been with Brother Little in many services. He is one of our finest, most constructive and loyal pastors. We certainly had a warmhearted congregation before us.

At night we were at Camden Baptist Church showing pictures and speaking on Palestine. The house was practically filled with an interested and waiting congregation. In the darkness we had taken a right hand road when we should have taken the left and thus had kept the congregation waiting for several minutes. They were patient with us, however.

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Prayer Needed Now

The Mississippi Baptist Convention meets in Jackson November 15-18. Many good reports will be made. For this we should rejoice.

But there may be matters proposed that will cause debate. Actions may be taken that will not please all. Even if there were no prospects of any controversial matters, we need to be much in prayer for God's guidance. But as much as ever before, if not more, prayer is needed now. Let every messenger, every visitor and all those back home who could not come pray earnestly and fervently for the Convention and its every action.

If we will give God a chance He will lead us to higher ground.

Let's all pray that every action of the Convention shall be according to God's will.

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Reading the Bible

The program of Bible reading sponsored by the American Bible Society which is outlined in another column should appeal to every reader of The Baptist Record. The Society is rendering a commendable service in encouraging the reading of the Bible between Thanksgiving and Christmas. No doubt, many who do the reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas will get the habit and keep on reading "The Book of All Nations" for the rest of the year.

Pastors and church leaders should remember, however, that most people need guidance in the reading of the Bible.

Many people will read through the Bible if they are given some encouragement, but some will need to be instructed in the significance of the various books as they read along. Many passages will appear to them obscure and difficult to understand. To meet such a need, the Lord has put teachers into the church and into the ministry. Bible teaching is essential to constant reading of the Bible on the part of the laity. Had we more expository preachers, our

church people would be much more familiar with the Bible than they are. Careful exposition of the Bible, book by book, results in a Bible-informed people.

The Bible is not only the Book of all nations; it is the Book of all peoples of all times. It is the inspired revelation of God's will for all men, and for every man. A copy of the Bible in the hand of every individual among the civilized nations of the earth would do more good in bringing calm peace to a turbulent world, and in stabilizing a shattered world, than all the armies that have marched upon the earth, or all the political peace conferences that have ever been assembled.

The Bible-reading program suggested by the American Bible Society is a plan to get people all over the world to read the same Bible selections daily between the two days, November 25 and December 25, and has as its central day, Universal Bible Sunday, December 12. The theme, selected for the 1948 program is "The Book of All Nations."

Last year people in over 20 nations shared in the reading. The program, inaugurated by the Bible Society in 1944, was the outcome of a letter sent by a lonely young man in Guadalcanal, asking his mother to join him in reading each day, at the same time, a similar passage of scripture.

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We Major on Minors

In a recent article by Drew Pearson it was stated that "For five hectic hours, government officials begged and battled for more steel the other day, but all they got from the steel industry was the brush-off, as cold as the steel it produces."

"The steel kings couldn't even spare a few tons for a supplementary pipe line that must be built to insure the smooth running of the Atomic-energy plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Yet they were able to supply the steel for beer cans, juke boxes and pinball machines. They also flatly rejected a request for steel to build oil barges and storage tanks—sorely needed to step up the winter time flow of fuel oil and gas. This means many families will not be able to heat their homes when severe weather hits."

During the war almost everybody sang God Bless America. How can we ask God to bless our country when we permit such as indicated above. Not only now but during the war, the whiskey crowd and the worldly crowd got materials for most anything they needed while the others suffered because of shortages.

It looks like a low day in our history when we cannot supply needed materials for essential

things, but beer cans and other such things are plentiful. THE TROUBLE IS WE ARE MAJORING IN MINORS.

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Tell Who You Are

When a person at the Mississippi Baptist Convention wishes to speak on the floor, he should tell his name and where he is from. Often as we attend the convention sessions, someone would address the body, and people in every section would be whispering, "Who is he?" "What is his name?"

If a man asking to speak fails to give his name, the presiding officer should ask his name, and where he is from. This may seem unimportant at first glance. But if the messengers attending know a man's name and where he lives, what he has to say becomes more meaningful. Mississippi Baptists are democratic. They love each other. They want to know who is speaking. They will listen more closely to the person whose name they know.

We believe this would add to the effectiveness of debate in the convention.

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Try The Tithe

Adam and Eve tried to improve on God's plan. They failed.

From that day to this people have tried to devise plans that would excel God's. They have failed.

According to a Religious News Service dispatch another church is going to fail. The dispatch follows:

OMAH, Neb. — If other means of financing the budget of the Central United Presbyterian church of Omaha fail, the board of trustees plans to put a unique cooperative plan into operation.

Under the plan, the church's 1,000 members would:

1. Bring two buckets of stoker fuel, a gallon of fuel oil and two candles to church each Sunday.
2. Report to the church each Saturday night in their old clothes, prepared to do janitorial work. One day a month each member would report for church-repair work.
3. Buy their Sunday school and church publications individually from the publishers—no more free distribution at the church.
4. Each family would care for a retired pastor in their home one month each year.
5. Report their free time to the church office for assignment to pastoral duties such as visiting the sick.

The above plans is not God's plan.

Try tithes and offerings and

you won't have to bring candles and fuel oil. You will need a committee to plan how to best use the large offerings.

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Why Have Any?

From a recent news dispatch sent out by the Religious News Service we quote:

VANCOUVER, B. C. — A new Bepatismal order in the case of infants who are very ill and likely to die was proposed by the Rev. Wesley Hunnisett, of Fred Victor Mission, Toronto, before the General Council of the United Church of Canada here.

The question in our mind is, "Why baptize (sprinkle) an infant?" Certainly there is no Scriptural authority for infant baptism. There is nothing in the Bible to indicate that baptism saves.

To our thinking there is nothing more inconsistent than teaching a poor helpless baby who dies without baptism because of the neglect of parents would be lost. A God that would tolerate such must be one without mercy, love or feeling.

Instead of a new infant baptismal order, he should discontinue sprinkling infants.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Sunday Night

By W. F. Powell

First Baptist Church, Nashville

Is there a more pagan picture of our present age than the appalling disregard professing Christians openly manifest for that blessed evening of the week on which our risen Lord showed Himself to the dismayed disciples assembled in the upper room? The Saviour arose from the grave on Sunday morning, but He appeared at the meeting of the saints on Sunday night. Thomas, the Doubter, missed that first Sunday night, but he made a point of being present the following Sunday night and the Lord Jesus showed Himself at this meeting, too, and cleared up the fears and forebodings of His doubting disciples so that he was no longer "faithless but believing." The risen Lord established the Sunday night Service. He employed it that puzzled believers might behold Him the Conqueror of death and the grave, that timid disciples might be empowered, that His mission might become the mission of those who bear His Name, that doubters might know, and that others yet to believe might be assured of a blessing, too. To the extent that the Lord set His seal upon the Sunday night service by His repeated presence after His resurrection and before His ascension and the use He made of these meetings, the Sunday night service has the Saviour's sanction in a way the Sunday morning service cannot claim. Not that it is more Scriptural or more important than the morning

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Church service for Pentecost was a morning service, but because of its marvelously meaningful and sacredly beautiful beginning, as seen above, the Sunday night service is Divinely unique.

And the Sunday night service should be unique. It is not just another church service—a repetition of the morning hour of worship. The Sunday night service gives us the best thing to do and the best place to go. And it saves people for something. The disciples met the risen Lord at the first resurrection Sunday night service. They were the first to hear Him say: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And they were completely transformed in that one service. Life became a crusade, death a triumph, and the grave a vestibule to glory. Nothing previously dreaded mattered any more. Only one ruling passion now: to glorify Him and to make His salvation known to all men. It was easy to pray, and to love, and to witness for Him now. It was even easy to die for Him—the Christ of that Sunday night!

Is it not true that after all our real trouble in the world today is that we have lost what they found that Sunday night? And is it not time for us to set about recovering it for ourselves and then help others find it, too? Should we not seek it where they found it?—*Southwest Baptist Digest.*

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BIBLE SOCIETY OFFERS

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will need. If samples failed to reach the pastor, materials can be secured by writing to Worldwide Bible Reading, American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

Thirty-four countries participated in the 1947 observance of Worldwide Bible Reading; 15 million bookmarks listing the Bible passages for daily reading were distributed; also the list of daily readings was reprinted in various publications with a circulation of about 20 million copies. An even larger response is expected this year.

Reports from pastors and other church leaders indicate that the Worldwide Bible Reading program fulfills a twofold purpose:

1. It gives an opportunity to enlist many new people in Bible reading.
2. The emphasis on daily reading encourages persons who have not been regular Bible readers to establish firmly, the habit of daily reading, by following the year-round programs of daily Bible reading sponsored by the various church organizations.

Southern Baptists have a special interest in this Bible reading program on an international scale. It is an expansion of the Nationwide Bible Reading launched in 1944 which, in turn, resulted from the national attention drawn to an earlier Bible reading movement in Texas sponsored by the churches and the American Bible Society, in which Baptist leadership played a major part.

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The "bottlers of booze" will invade any medium of advertising no matter what it is just so they can get their message across to the public. In New Jersey this year the liquor dealers tried to get advertising space in the high school publications! The State Beverage Commissioner ruled that no such advertising could be put in public school publications, but watch the industry, they will try it again. —Ark. Baptist.



Shown above: The check and the deed for the Swiss Mansion change hands in the office of the official notary. The buildings and grounds, located in Zurich, Switzerland, which were recently purchased by the Foreign Mission Board, will be used for a European Theological Seminary.

Left to right are: Dr. Haus Karrer, attorney for the Board; Dr. John Allen Moore; Dr. J. D. Franks; Dr. John W. Watts; Pastor Pfister, of Zurich Baptist Church; Mr. Bodmar, former owner of the property; Pastor Utzinger, Baptist pastor; Pastor Scheidner; Dr. Alfred Kolb, attorney for Mr. Bowmer; Mr. Halbentzel, Baptist layman, and the official land office notary.

Carpenter Resigns At Smyrna

Rev. J. B. Carpenter, Mississippi College student, has resigned at Smyrna in Copiah County in order to accept a full-time church in Louisiana.

During his twelve months' pastorate at Smyrna, there have been 25 additions by baptism and 12 by letter. Mr. Carpenter led the church in its first Vacation Bible School and the church advanced from half to full-time.

Mrs. Will Dodds has been elected treasurer of the church.

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SAM JONES by Dr. Walt Holcomb is a new and enlarged edition of the life of the great evangelist, Sam Jones. Sam Jones was a most unusual and unique minister. For years he went up and down the land preaching righteousness, temperance, judgment and salvation. The author is his son-in-law and his last co-worker and is a well-known minister. The price is \$2 and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

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MEN FOR THE MASTER

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discussed and adopted. The aims:

1. Evangelism. "We believe," they agreed, "that the chief task of every Christian and of every Christian church is to win souls to Christ. We mean active personal soul-winning — man to man."

2. The Man and Boy Movement. A man is to find a boy and take him to Sunday school on four successive Sundays. "Boys are running wild on the streets and in the alleys of every community. Many have never seen the inside of a church building. We, as Christian laymen, must do something about it."

3. The Cooperative Program. "The Baptist Brotherhood of the South reaffirms our conviction that the Cooperative Program must continue as the over-all plan of financing our denominational work. It is safe, sound, and equitable, and there is no other way to finance the world-mission program of Southern Baptists."

4. Church Advertising. "There are many areas in which the church can advertise, but we suggest that during 1949 we concentrate our efforts on two: identification of church building with attractive signs, and effective news stories of church activities in the press."

Secretary Cooke reported there are now 3,200 Brotherhood organizations in the churches, with a membership of 120,000 men.

BAPTIST RELIEF CENTER DOING GREAT SERVICE

By R. Paul Caudill, Chairman, BWA Relief Committee

Recently it was again my happy privilege to visit the Southern Baptist Relief Center of New Orleans. It was a thrilling experience. There in one section of the warehouse located at 601 South Olympia Street I saw 26,000 pounds of flour ready to be processed and sent overseas to feed the hungry peoples of Europe. This flour, every sack of it, came from Kansas City, Missouri, as the gift of friends of that area. The gift, which represents one pound for each Baptist of Kansas City, was part of the total shipment of 65,587 pounds—34,501 pounds being clothing, and another 5,086 pounds being canned goods. The shipment, I was told, was likewise transported from Kansas City to the Relief Center without cost.

In another section of the warehouse I saw 1,500 bales of clothing weighing approximately 45,000 pounds ready to be shipped to Shantung, China.

The director of the promotion, Charles R. Gage, has announced that in the year—October 15, 1947, to October 31, 1948—our Relief Center has received for processing a total of 2,007,151 pounds of clothing, bedding, shoes, etc., from the various states of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is indeed a memorable achievement and one for which Southern Baptists should be forever grateful to God.

It is our sincere prayer that the intensified clothing drive that is now in process may make available added millions of pounds of clothing and relief supplies before the winter passes to the end that Baptists of America may show in an even more effective way, their concern for those in need throughout the world.

Those in the southland who are interested in sending clothing, seeds, vitamins, and other supplies for overseas relief should channel them through our Relief Center, 601 S. Olympia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for processing and shipment.

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Ethel Church, Rev. Paul L. Bard, pastor, has started an Extension Department in the Sunday School and organized a B. T. U. Mrs. L. D. Long is superintendent of the Extension Department and Sid Bailey is B. T. U. Director. A Wednesday evening prayer service has also been inaugurated.

HOW TO PREPARE CHURCH

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for each organization who should contact the church reporter about the same event because different people send them in not knowing that some other person has done likewise A. L. G.)

How to Prepare News For the Paper

Copy should be written in good English, grammatical, correctly spelled, and punctuated.

Copy should be typewritten if at all possible. If handwritten, it should be readable. If typed, it should be double-spaced with two-inch margins at top, bottom, and both sides.

Sentences should be brief. Avoid long paragraphs. Put the most important facts first. Sometimes lack of space causes the last one or two paragraphs to be dropped.

Make separate stores of separate news items. Never put two stories on the same page. It is better to have short stories frequently than a long one occasionally.

Why Follow Through Is Essential

If an announced event is worth printing as a news story what happened should also be news. If a group of people planned to meet to organize a new Sunday school class, there will be any number of interested people wondering if the organization was perfected, and who will head the new class.

Follow through. Think of news in the past tense as well as the future tense. Announce meetings, but also report meetings, and report anything of unusual interest that happened: a guest speaker, a decision to pack a box of clothes for war-weary people aboard, acceptance of a mission quota, any unexpected incident.

There should also be a follow-through within the church organization. If one news story has made the paper and another was left out, try to decide why, and not by asking the editor. Was it carefully prepared, or was it rushed with the hope the editor would feel kindly disposed enough to whip it into proper shape? Unfortunately, on that particular day he might have been too busy, and the waste paper basket was too handy.

After all, it's the church that wants the news printed. The newspaper is willing to print it but the church profits most. That's why the church must help the paper if at all possible to get the news and to get it in a usable form.

It is not hard to get church news in the Baptist Record. Great concern should be exercised in its preparation and presentation. If this care is exercised, churches will benefit. Think of the Baptist Record as a partner in telling the "good news," and study it to the end that it may be so used. The partnership of church and paper will pay valuable dividends.

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POINTS FOR EMPHASIS, by Dr. Hight

C. Moore, a versatile, brilliant, and beloved Bible expositor, and former editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has come from the press. Now in its 32nd edition, users through the years and new users alike marvel at the amount of teaching truths packed into his annually anticipated vest-pocket commentary. Lesson text and outline, explanatory and practical comments are given for each lesson. The price is 60c and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

If the state of the world improves it cannot be by the idealism of Christless dreamers. No combination of Godless nations can bring a better day.—Norman W. Cox in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine.*

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

MISSISSIPPIAN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY W.M.U. CHILE

The friends of Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Mississippi missionary to Chile will be happy to know of the new work to which she has been called. In a recent letter she says:

"I imagine that by now you know of the change that I shall be making in my work here after the close of school in November. I'll be leaving the school and will dedicate myself entirely to the WMU work, and after January will be the Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Chilean WMU. The Mission had asked me to consider doing that work, but I wanted the reaction of the Chilean women themselves about it, and they seemed very pleased, and the Executive Committee voted immediately to recommend to the Convention that I take over this work. They had been trying for some time to get me into it, but I hated to leave the school, and did not feel that I should, but now we are going to combine the Seminary and Training School, so I felt freer to go into this other, after I felt that it was the thing to do, and as time passes and I get more into the other, I feel more definitely than ever the leading of the Lord in this move. Already I am getting a taste of the joys and the spiritual blessings that will be mine. My chances for influencing young people will be much greater now as I shall be on the field a great deal of the time, and also will have a much better opportunity of helping the women see their responsibility in the training of the young people. We are beginning the children's camps for the first time this summer, and there seems to be quite a bit of enthusiasm about them. Our great problem is finding a place to have them. We shall have three camps, one for the Northern District, Bio Bio District, and the Southern District. Here in the North, we shall use the Y. M. C. A. Campsite for a week or ten days, and the Young People's Camp will be held at the same time, but with different programs and different staffs."

MISSIONARY ROUND TABLE. We are particularly emphasizing a reading and studying of China in these fall and winter months. The following list of books is the recommended list from which to choose the books for reading:

MISSIONARY ROUND TABLE LIST ON CHINA

CHINA: A COUNTRY OF CONTRASTS. Nourse and Goetz Harcourt Brace, 1944, \$2.50 Vivid, colorful pictures of Chinese life as an introduction.

SWORDS OF SILENCE. Glick and Hong, Whittlesey, 1947, \$2.75. The hitherto untold story of the Chinese secret societies, their part in Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's life and work; the 1912 Revolution and the founding of the Chinese Republic. An essential book in understanding the structure of Chinese national life.

IS CHINA A DEMOCRACY. Creighton Macy, Day, 1943, \$1.50. Brief discussion of democracy in China, its basic elements in Chinese family and community life, and signs of growth in China's political structure.

DONALD OF CHINA. Earl Albert Sells, Harper, 1948 \$3.50. Written from

personal notes this biography of the intimate friend of the Chiangs gives sympathetic insight into China's complicated politics and personalities: in clear, crisp narrative, the names in China's news come to life.

LAST CHANCE IN CHINA. Freda Utley, Bobbs-Merrill, 1947, \$3.50. The struggle in China with Communism told graphically by a newspaper woman experienced both in Chinese and Russian affairs who believes democracy can win if we act with courage, generosity, intelligence and understanding.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A CHINESE WOMAN. Buwei Yang Chao, Day, 1947, \$3.75. A modern, Chinese woman, born to wealth and position, tells her own history. Reveals Chinese customs and manners and the changing status of women in recent years. Should be read along with *Daughter of Han*.

DAUGHTER OF HAN. Ida Pruitt, Yale, 1945, \$2.75. Intimate glimpses of Chinese peasant life as told by their woman servant to the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries revealing the sorrows and joys, problems and difficulties of China's poor.

THE RED CHAIR WAITS. Alice Margaret Huggins, Westminster, 1948, \$2.75. The vivid portrayal of the average Chinese home, the romantic element, and the warmth of the Chinese people make this a book that will be read with delight.

CHINA'S RELIGIOUS HERITAGE. Y. C. Yang, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1943, \$1.50. The religious backgrounds of Taoism, Buddhism, Animism and Confucianism which affect Christian missions in China, by a Christian teacher.

GOBI DESERT. Cable and French, Macmillan, 1944, \$3.50. A rare book of travel and exploration in Outer Mongolia illuminated by missionary experience.

CHRISTIAN VOICES IN CHINA. Chester S. Miao, Friendship, 1948, paper \$1.00, cloth \$2.00. Fourteen Christian leaders of many denominations, only three being foreign missionaries, tell of China's survival and reconstruction, and the victorious witness of Christians in the midst of devastation, famine, pestilence and upheaval of the war years. A heartening and stirring story of present day opportunity.

AT THE GATES. F. Catherine Bryan, Broadman, 1948, \$3.00 (Ready Jan. 1949). The interesting life-story of Matthew Tyson and Eliza Moring Yates, pioneer missionaries to China. The author, a missionary, born and reared in a missionary home in China, is especially well qualified to write such a biography.

(Ready after Jan. 1).

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Among recent visitors in the office of The Baptist Record were: Rev. E. Y. Soileau, Warrington, Florida; Harold Kitchings and Clark McMurray, Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; Rev. P. D. Bragg, Lexington; M. P. Jones, Wesson; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; Doyle Kelly, Ridgeland; J. K. Pettus, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Haynie, Gretna, Louisiana; Dr. and Mrs. George C. Osborn, Gainesville, Florida; Rev. B. E. Padgett, Mt. Olive; Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, Liberty.

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HOW TO BE STRONG!

Joe Louis was asked what reasons he would give for his unusual strength. His answer was: "I attribute my strength to three things. They are: (1) that I do not smoke, (2) I have never tasted alcohol, and (3) I get plenty of sleep and live clean."

Benjamin Franklin said: "I drank only water; the other workmen were great drinkers of beer. They wondered to see that I was stronger than they."

ADULTS MUST ANSWER

J. Edgar Hoover tells us that it is Adult delinquency and not Juvenile delinquency that threatens our nation today. Adults have brought about the present conditions and they are responsible for correcting the existent evils.

A young person speaking at a great youth gathering a few months ago said, "Our parents have handed us a dirty deal by permitting the legal sale of beer." And we still hear them

say that young people are going to the dogs. If so the adults have reached the kennel first. A great educator said, "Behind every delinquent boy or girl there is either a delinquent home or a delinquent community or both."

Archbishop John Ireland said, "The great cause of social crime is drink. The great cause of poverty is drink. When I hear of a family broken up and ask the cause—drink. If I go to the gallows and ask its victim the cause—drink. Then I ask myself in perfect wonderment, "Why do not men put a stop to this thing?" Adults owe something to the youth of the land, and it is not beer joints and honky tonks.

LINCOLN'S NINE-WORD SERMON

Abraham Lincoln often preached to his boys this nine-word sermon, "Boys, don't drink, don't smoke, don't gamble, don't lie, don't cheat. Love your fellow men, love God, love truth, and you will be happy."

NEW WORKER AT SOUTH SIDE CHURCH



MISS MAXIE KING

Shown above is Miss Maxie King of Canton who has accepted the position of Educational Secretary and Music Director of South Side Church, Meridian. Miss King is a graduate of the WMU Training School and the School of Music at Louisville, Kentucky. Rev. A. Estes Mason is pastor of the South Side Church.

Joins Convention Staff



MISS EDWINA MAY

Miss Edwina May (above) of Jackson has joined the Convention Board Staff as office secretary for the Brotherhood Department. Miss May has already gained for herself a place in the hearts of all who have met her. She replaces Miss Joan Henderson who reentered college to complete her education.

R. F. HALLFORD PREACHES IN PINE GROVE REVIVAL

During the period of October 17-29 the Pine Grove Church, near Pica-yune, had what some of the oldtimers said was its greatest revival in 39 years. Attendance was large, interest was at a peak and there were fifty-three responses, including conversions, transfers of letters and re-dedications. Rev. R. F. Hallford of Dothan, Alabama, was the evangelist.

The church, under the leadership of Pastor Cecil O. Sewell, had made excellent preparation for the meeting by taking a census, advertising and holding prayer meetings. During the week preceding the meeting, more than 600 people met in cottage and church prayer meetings to pray for revival. This interest held up through the meeting, when on a number of

evenings more than 100 people came together for the pre-service meetings for prayer and praise.

The music was under the direction of Johnny Carter of West Side Church, Bessemer, Alabama.

The Industrial High School, located across the road from the church building, gave wonderful cooperation, even to the extent of bringing the students in a body to attend the morning services. The principal and his corps of teachers were most helpful in permitting pupils to have time for personal conferences with the evangelist.

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Plans for Homecoming Day at Mississippi College on November 20 have been completed. The program was carried in last week's issue of The Baptist Record. All former students and friends are urged to attend.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

PONTOTOC ASSOCIATION

Pontotoc County uses the new two-day association met with Turnpike Church and the second day with Zion Church.

Officers elected were: Dr. M. L. Shannon, moderator and treasurer; T. M. Wingo, clerk. We attended the second days session and felt at home for we spent some happy years in Pontotoc County as pastor of the First Church, Pontotoc. In fact, probably the greatest revival we ever led was at Zion Church several years ago. Pastor B. B. McGee and Zion Church left nothing undone in order to royally entertain the people and the dinner was not only fit for a king; it was fit for several kings. The fourth piece of ham we ate was as good as the first.

We were given a good spot on the morning program to present the Baptist Record and several pastors promised to do something about the Record in the near future.

Record readers in Pontotoc County are now listed as follows: Bellevue, 17; Algoma, 54; Cherry Creek, 46; Duncan Creek, 2; Ecu, 6; Endville, 27; Furr, 32; Longview, 70; Pontotoc, 185; Shady Grove, 1; Toccoola, 31; Toxish, 25; West Heights, 28; Zion, 19; Valley Grove 30 and Turnpike 2.

BLUFF SPRINGS IS NUMBER 924

One of the most recent additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Bluff Springs Church, Pike County. Rev. Fleet Strickland is pastor. The letter from Mrs. I. P. Allen, church clerk, states that the church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan and asks that the Record be sent to the 44 names enclosed. This means that 44 families are going to keep up with Baptist affairs in Mississippi and throughout the world and thus be more sympathetic toward the work of the pastor.

Record readers in Pike County are now listed as follows: Bluff Springs, 44; Bala Chitto, 25; Bogue Chitto, 50; Calvary 51; Central, 18; East McComb, 299; Fernwood, 65; Friendship 130; Holmesville 32; Johnston Station 35; McComb, First, 471; McComb, South Side, 127; Magnolia, 156; Mt. Zion, 2; Osyka, 76; Progress, 37; Silver Creek, 53; Silver Springs, 58; Summit, 114; Tangipahoa, 88; Terry's Creek, 76; Thompson, 22; and Union, 40.

SUNFLOWER ASSOCIATION

Sunflower Association met with the Drew Church Dr. W. S. Hardin, pastor.

Officers elected are: Moderator, Dr. O. P. Moore, Moorhead; Vice-Moderator, W. L. Burris, Parchman; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Marsh, Sunflower.

WMU President, Mrs. Mary Holland, Sunflower; Sunday School Director, Rev. David Cranford, Indianola; Training Union Director, J. T. Jenkins, Indianola; Director of Evangelism, Rev. Jessie L. Boyd, Inverness; Promotion and Stewardship Director, Rev. Claude Howe, Drew; Music Director, Dr. Nat Tracey, Ruleville; Chairman of the Missionary Committee, Dr. W. S. Hardin, Drew.

The Baptist Record was given a good spot on the morning program to explain the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Dinner was served at the American

HAS GOOD RECORD



Shown is J. R. Stiles of Sturgis who has not been late at Sunday School for 18 years. During these years he has served as a teacher and Superintendent of the Sunday School. He also serves as chairman of the Christian Citizens' League of Oktibbeha County.

Legion Hut and it was in the usual fine style that characterizes Drew Baptists.

Record readers in Sunflower County are now listed as follows: BETHANY, 15; Bethel, 6; BLAINE, 10; DODDSVILLE, 15; DREW, 158; FAIRVIEW, 29; HOLLY GROVE, 21; INDIANOLA, 199; INVERNESS, 64; LINN, 92; MOORHEAD, 188; NEW HOPE, 39; ROME, 32; ROUNDWAY, 53; RULEVILLE, 92; SUNFLOWER, 56.

LEFLORE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Leflore Association met with Calvary Church in Greenwood Dr. R. A. Tullos, pastor.

The program was well prepared and planned to give everybody a hearing.

Officers elected were: Rev. J. H. Kyzar, Moderator; Rev. W. W. Miller, Assistant Moderator, and Upton Black, Clerk.

As always the ladies of the church served a delightful lunch.

Leflore County Record readers are now listed as follows: CALVARY, GREENWOOD, 215; FIRST GREENWOOD, 585; MORGAN CITY, 34; MOUNT VERNON 37; RIVERSIDE, 57; SCHLATER, 47; SIDON, 41; ITTA BENA, 76.

COLORED CHURCH HAS RECORD

Without closely checking our list, we believe that the new Fellowship Baptist Church, colored, of Clarke County, is the first colored church to send in a list of subscriptions for The Baptist Record. However, there are many colored people throughout the state who subscribe individually.

The following letter was recently received from N. L. Boggan of Hickory: "Enclosed please find list of subscribers to Baptist Record from New Fellowship Baptist Church, colored, Clarke County, and also check to pay for same."

RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION

A. B. Adams, moderator of the Riverside Association, knows how to keep the program going. At the Riverside Association which met with First Church, Clarksdale, the various objects were grouped together in order to give a fair hearing to all. The Baptist Record was given time to make some announcements.

Rev. F. K. Horton, pastor, and the church took good care of the Association. The dinner was up to the usual high standard at Clarksdale.

Rev. James McCrary, pastor of Lyon Church, preached the associational sermon. The subject was "A Model Church." According to Mr. McCrary, a model church is a regenerated church, a working church, a suffering church, a missionary church, and a waiting church.

Record readers in Riverside Association are now listed as follows: DUNDEE, 17; TUNICA, 81; BELEN, 16; CROWDER, 86; DARLING, 37; HOLLYWOOD, 25; LAMBERT, 70; MARKS, 103; SLEDGE, 25; Birdie, 2; CLARKS-

A Layman Challenges Mississippi Baptists

(Note:—Mr. E. D. Hurst, Laurel, Mississippi, is a prominent and successful business man. He is a leader in the First Baptist Church, Laurel, one of the most dynamic in the State. Mr. Hurst has been a valued member of the Convention Board, the Executive Committee, and the Education Commission, for a number of years. He is a person of deep insight, profound loyalty, constructive thinking, and deep spirituality. In the letter quoted in full below, he sets forth matters of greater importance to Mississippi Baptists than many realize. Issues will be presented and settled at this Convention which will affect our lives for the next 25 years. Let us do right.)

"October 31, 1948

Dear Doctor McCall:

I was glad to attend the meeting last Friday afternoon and I am sure we have never had a finer spirit or keener interest in any meeting. There seems to be harmony in the thinking of the fellows and a fine understanding of the work and purposes of the committee and of the convention. Certainly much of this must have accrued to us through the years 'in harness' and the encouragement progress has brought to our denomination.

I came home alone most of the way and had nothing to do but think over some of the things through the decade, and the devotion and labor and sacrifice you have put into the work—all of the work. Certainly we must feel that you came up 'for just such a time as this.'

In thinking of the convention and the future work I am more persuaded that our need is a greater program and a finer cooperation toward the goals all of our Mississippi Baptist people want and need. At no time has it been more encouraging to offer the convention a really great cooperative program for every department of the work. The results in figures for the past year are encouraging indeed. Surely our people will not take the time of the convention for anything other than a great forward look and to actually project a great practical program of work and money and men in service for the next convention year.

A Million Dollars goal for the Cooperative Program and a Million Dollars goal for our institutions for Capital Improvement is not too big for Mississippi Baptists. 350,000 Baptists with an income of more than Twenty Million Dollars in TITHES (over Two Hundred Million Dollars income) is an opportunity for our people to do a great work and reap a great blessing. I think we cannot undertake less. (This is perhaps three times what we are doing). Challenge the people and go forward!

The stumbling blocks in the way must be moved out by the great Tractors of the Kingdom program and the way paved for the work to go forward. I am sure our pastors with a Mission and a heart and hands for the job are ready to join hands to put Mississippi Baptists on the Forward March! I trust we shall not look back—not even to review much of the past—but shall see the 'fields white unto harvest' and have the will to find the way to do the task. The task is first for the Leaders and the Pastors. I hope we will not offer 'an expected crash' to encourage a minimum task.

The great accomplishments in the business and industrial world have been the results of the efforts of men who had a vision to see and a will to work, and the ways and the means have been the consequences. 'If men know how to give good gifts to their children, how much more does the Heavenly Father know. . . .

Friday's meeting impressed me more than any before of the importance and the responsibility of our Executive Committee. I am sure all of our men are more and more impressed to that end, and are conscious of the obligations we bear to all Mississippi Baptists and to all of our denominational work. We can only plan as wisely as possible and go onward 'under the Banner of the Cross'.

The church is the unit in our great cooperative program. The pastor is the central factor in that unit. The present challenge is a call to duty and the price for the goal is sacrifice. We have the leadership in institutions, in churches and in the fields to do the job and I am sure we can find the ways and means to the end.

Mississippi Baptists must know now that Unity of Purpose and harmony in the plans and programs of the denomination must outweigh all else save the Holy Spirit of God and the spirit of cooperation must prevail in every undertaking. The leader, the pastor, the layman, the teacher who cannot hide himself in the Cross is not worthy. I am sure Every One will find himself and his place at the convention. In the Christian world a great leader is an humble servant, and for that is the crown of glory.

Somehow I mightily hope our Mississippi Baptist people will go up to the convention in a spirit of humility and prayer and thanksgiving with a vision of what is to be done and with the will to find the way to get it done. There is no reason why it cannot be so—except selfishness and pride. Certainly this is a great time for a great work.

I will look forward to seeing you in two weeks, and with every good wish for your well-being, and prayers for you always, I am,

Most sincerely yours,
E. D. HURST."

DALE, 266; Dublin, 2; JONESTOWN, 22; LULA, 60; LYON, 83; REYNOLDS MEMORIAL, 54; Union Chapel, 1; and Adams Memorial Fairview, 2.

It takes a great deal of preaching, of real Bible teaching, and of genuine Christian training to grow Christian stewards. A church member must have a conviction as deep as life itself concerning these matters if he is to practice putting God first and things second.—J. E. Lambdin in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

The world is dark, but Jesus is the light of the world. Our neighbors are lost, but Jesus is indeed the Saviour of the world. Many Christians are perplexed by the seeming inability of the Christian forces to make an appreciable impact on the spiritual wickedness in high places. What is the answer? The bright hope, the only hope for victorious living, lies in the knowledge of and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.—Josef Nordenhaug in The Sunday School Builder.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Interchange of Credits

The Southern Baptist Committee on correlation of study courses announces the following changes:

1. That complete interchange of credits on comparable subjects be given.

2. That special study course months for both the Sunday School and Training Union be reduced from two each to one each, and that the Training Union use April and the Sunday School use October.

3. That this interchange of credits as between Sunday School and Training Union be granted to all those 15 years of age and above and will involve all the books on the following subjects: Bible, doctrine, evangelism or soul-winning, stewardship, missions, Christian home, making the church, and denominational life.

4. That a worker taking one of the books listed either in the Training Union Course or in the Sunday School Course on which interchange of credit would be allowed would choose ONLY ONE credit.

New Standards Are Here

We now have brand new Standards available for our Sunday Schools. These will be gladly sent on request.

There are a number of changes in this new Standard. Several of the more technical items have been changed so as to make a greater appeal to more schools. Every point, except one, is either the same or lower than in the old Standard.

Therefore, get a copy of the new Standard, check up on it to see just where you stand now, and then go to work to reach the short points as soon as possible.

The new department and class standards will not be available until the latter part of November.

New Record System Forms

And speaking of new things, we now have a new order blank for the Six Point Record System and also a new leaflet fully explaining all of the new Six Point Record System forms.

These are just off the press, and will be gladly sent on request.

So, get these new Record forms and look them over carefully before making your next order for such supplies.

October Standards

Schools: Tuscola, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, pastor, R. B. McDonald, Supt.; Carson, Rev. W. H. Wood, pastor, W. H. Wooley, Supt.; Greenwood Calvary, Dr. R. A. Tullos, pastor, J. L. Lary, Jr., Supt.

Departments: Primary, 41st Avenue Meridian, Miss Nannie David, Supt.; Primary, Calhoun City First, Mrs. Z. W. Powell.

Classes: Bethany, Adult, Gulfport First, Mrs. C. D. Dabbs; Gleaners, Adult, Lambert, Mrs. Will Little.

JANUARY AND JOHN

By

Robert G. Lee, D. D., Pastor,
Bellevue Baptist Church,
Memphis, Tennessee

January, the first month of the year, will possess Scriptural riches for those who take time and give thought to the Gospel written by John, one of

the first called to be an apostle. John, his name meaning "one whom Jehovah loves", in love leaving his nets to be a fisher of men, in love standing at the cross, in love outrunning Peter to see the empty tomb that resurrection morn, in love recognizing Jesus after the resurrection, in love building churches in Asia Minor, in love wrote the Gospel that bears his name—the book that has been a best seller, called "the loveliest and most popular life of Jesus Christ."

I have thought much of how our individual lives will be enriched and our churches strengthened if pastors and teachers will prepare themselves to teach and many make ready to study the marvelous truths in John's Gospel—as they are found in what John wrote about Christ's Incarnation, the miracle at Cana, the new birth as Christ spoke of it to Nicodemus, Jesus' message on the Water of Life, the Bethesda cure, the Bread of Life, the Feast of Tabernacles, the significances of freedom by truth, Christ as the Light of the world and the Good Shepherd, the Lazarus chapter, the Bethany chapter, the Lord's Supper, the Comforter, the Vine and its Branches, the Spirit of truth and peace, the Lord's Prayer, the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, the resurrection of Christ, and the questioning of Peter by Jesus.

More pearls could never be found in any sea nor more flowers in any field than are the treasures of truth which await our searching in the glorious Gospel of John. Let us now begin preparations for the study and teaching of this great book in the Bible—the book above and beyond all books as a river is beyond a rill in reach, as the sun is beyond a tallow in brightness.

—BR—

Chickasaw Elects Dunlap

Chickasaw County Association recently held a two day session. The first day the association met with Okaloona Church and the second day with Providence.

Officers elected were: T. W. Dunlap, moderator; H. M. Collins, Clerk. Rev. D. D. Satterwhite was recommended as a member of the Convention Board.

The 16 churches reported 121 baptisms, \$31,134 for local gifts, and \$5,715 for mission gifts.

—BR—

REV. MARTIN OSWALT

Rev. Martin L. Oswalt, aged 90, died on Thursday, October 28, following a brief illness. Funeral services were held from the Wright and Ferguson Chapel, conducted by the Rev. James B. Parker.

Interment was in the Wells Cemetery at Tinnin.

Mr. Oswalt was a retired Baptist minister, having served in Choctaw and Winston Counties. He had lived in the vicinity of Pocahtontas for the past 50 years and was a member of the Pocahtontas Church.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, W. E. Oswalt and J. H. Oswalt, both of Jackson; one daughter, Mrs. C. R. Lifer, of Pocahtontas; two step-daughters, Mrs. Zelma Harrison, of Jackson, and Mrs. Leroy Malone, of Pensacola, Fla.; one step-son, Z. L. Pennington, of Pocahtontas; one sister, Mrs. Ada Hyde, of Ackerson; one brother, William Alexander, of Clarksdale; and eleven grandchildren.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



DR. E. GIBSON DAVIS

Shown above are Dr. E. Gibson Davis (left), Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, who will bring the principal message Monday morning, November 15 at 11:30 on the Brotherhood Conference program, and Superintendent R. J. Koonce (right), of the city schools of Greenville and president of the Deer Creek Associational Brotherhood and of the Brotherhood of First Church, Greenville, will lead the conference at 2:00 for local Brotherhood officers.



R. J. KOONCE

Calvary Church, Amite County, was organized 23 September, with a membership of 89 members. At present they have a good Sunday School, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Society. They recently extended to call to the Rev. J. N. Holloway, but at present his decision is unknown.

A good Mississippi church is in need of a church secretary. Anyone interested may write The Baptist Record and the letter will be forwarded to the proper party.

Columbus Roberts, president of the Georgia Convention, has given \$200,000 to the Georgia Baptist Foundation.

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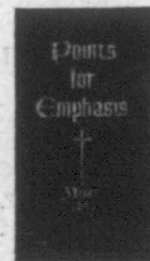
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Open Windows for Devotional Reading

Next year we will not be able to supply the Bible reading guide as we have for the past two years. They have, we hope, accomplished the purpose intended which was to enlist two million individuals in reading God's word daily. We are suggesting that unions or churches order supplies of "Open Windows" which is designed for individual devotional reading. It carries the daily scripture reference with helpful comments. This will be good for members, and it will be good to hand to anyone who will agree to read with us each day. The Open Windows will, after the first quarter of 1949, carry the reference for the junior readings also. Many of the churches will print the daily Bible reading reference in the bulletin each week, other unions will have a special Tr. Union bulletin in which the readings will be announced giving the references. In every way let us keep the need of daily Bible readings before our people. Reading God's word each day is like getting instructions with commendations from our parents or employer each morning. God is both a Father and employer, paying the highest wages of any employer. Let's listen to his advice each day, and the first thing in the morning is the best time.

"We Want to Promote the Adult Standard"

Here comes a letter from an adult leader in an association. "Please send me a supply of standards for the adult union. We have fifteen to eighteen churches represented in our Associational meetings, at our last meeting we had 48 adults present." This request from Mrs. Velma Mitchell, Adult Leader in Pearl River Association is but typical of how our associational officers are seeking to carry out their commission as associational officer. Yes when every church has a fully graded union there will still be work for the associational officer, leading these unions in a program of efficiency.

New Providence In Calhoun Organizes

Mrs. Ernest Barton newly elected Associational Director for Calhoun Co. reports a new union at New Providence church. Mrs. Barton acknowledges the help of Mrs. Lorena Goodson, Associational Story Hour Leader, and Mr. Howard Murff, Associational Adult Leader in setting up the new organization. The officers elected are: Director, Mrs. H. P. Edmonson; Associate Director, Mrs. John McQuary; Secretary, Miss Becky L. McQuary; Chorister, Mr. John McQuary; Pianist, Miss Nan Hamilton; Adult President, H. P. Edmonson; Intermediate Leader, Elmer McQuary; Young People's Counselor, Mrs. Curt Spencer; Junior Leader, Mrs. B. F. Hamilton; Story Hour Leader, Mrs. J. V. McQuary. Rev. Sidney Carter is pastor. This is just one of many unions that have been organized in this county within the last twelve months. Already they have set up May 1-6 for a Simultaneous Enlargement Campaign.

Congratulations on the Eupora church in the election of Mr. Park Chittom to the office of Training

Union Director. Mr. Chittom has had Training Union experience in the Inverness church and in writing pledges his wholehearted cooperation in our state program. Eupora, carrying on under the handicap of not having a church building, is to be congratulated on having leadership that will lead on. Within some months they will have their new building and will have a good organization to move into it.

We issued 1,336 study course awards in September and organized 38 new unions. The largest group was young people 9, the adults and juniors tied 8 each, the intermediates 7 and story hour 6. From October 1st to October 1st 1947-1948 we issued 20,216 study

course awards, the largest number ever issued in a year in Mississippi. In 1949 that number should reach 25,000, that would mean only one award for every other member enrolled in the Training Union. The second quarter 1948 we issued 66 standard awards, no mean record. Our unions are doing better work. We were 4th place in number of awards, 2nd place in number of standard associations, 6th in Training Unions, 2nd in Junior unions, 6th in Intermediate unions, 4th in Young People's Unions, 5th in Adult unions this out of 20 states.

State Training Union Convention will meet with First Church, Jackson, December 28th.

Beacon St. Church, Philadelphia, Ernest Tew director, organized with 66 charter members. The second Sunday the attendance was 74. This is a new church and starts off in the right way.

REMEMBER THE BAPTIST ORPHAN-AGE WITH A THANKSGIVING OFFERING SOMETIME DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Ocean View Baptist Church, Virginia, recently observed its 40th anniversary and at the same time dedicated the new educational building. Rev. Andrew M. Coltharp, a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Southern Seminary, is pastor.

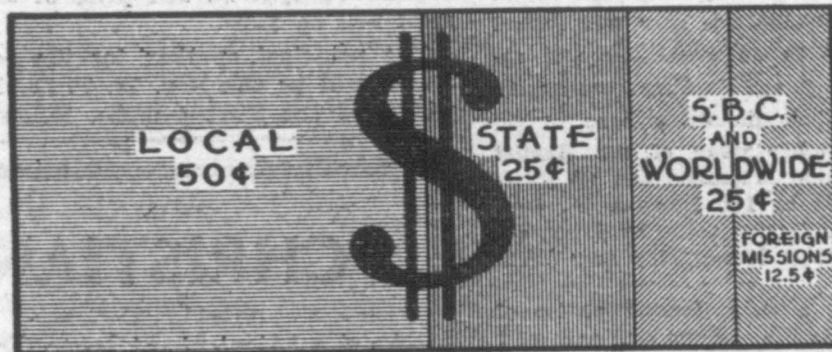
Meridian Church, Carroll County, certainly aided The Baptist Record in its efforts to reach the 62,000 mark. A recent list of new and renewal subscriptions was received, which was sent by Mrs. Kinard Crocker, church clerk.

Christian stewardship in a New Testament doctrine, and the tithe is a part of this doctrine. It is not all of it, but it is a part. The Christian is not bound to the tithe by a legal requirement of Old Testament law, but he is bound to a Christian liberality which exceeds the tithe, by the grace of God in his life and the love of God in his heart.—Merrell D. Moore in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

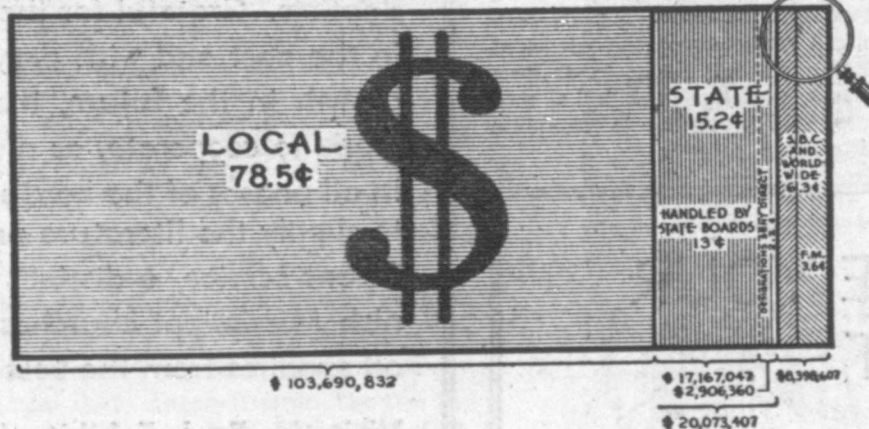
Fifty-Fifty by 1950, A BAPTIST IDEAL

Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The Southern Baptist Convention, at its 1948 meeting in Memphis, adopted "Fifty-Fifty" as a Baptist ideal, in keeping with Jesus' teaching, for division of collection-plate dollars.

If there were Fifty-Fifty division of all gifts made through the churches, the representative dollar would look like this:



But last year, 1947, on the basis of total gifts (\$132,162,846) made through Southern Baptist churches, the representative dollar looked like this:



Southern Baptists fall short of Jesus' teachings of unselfishness when 78.5 cents of every collection-plate dollar is used in the local church program and only 21.5 cents is available for all the rest of the world beyond the local church.

Realization of "Every Baptist a Tither" and Fifty-Fifty division of funds—by the local church, by the state convention, and by the Southern Baptist Convention—is the Bible-approved way of providing needed funds for advance in every area of our worldwide mission program.

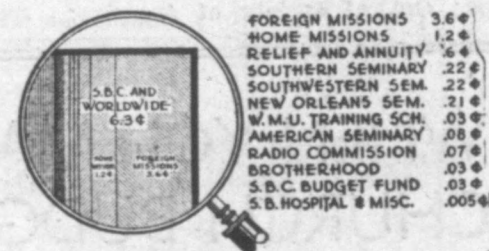
THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



Looking only at the dollar sent from the local church to mission and benevolent causes in 1947, the division was like this:



A close up look, with the magnifying glass, shows that distribution of the 6.3 cents portion of the 1947 collection-plate dollar which reached Southern Baptist Convention agencies was like this:



Faculty Focus

A Series of Articles Presented To Acquaint You With The Outstanding Faculty of 122 Year Old Mississippi College

Dr. Dotson McGinnis Nelson, President of Mississippi College and Head of the College Department of Physics, is a widely renowned educator and physicist. Dr. Nelson began his academic career when



he obtained his degree of Bachelor of Science from Mississippi College in 1907. The degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy were awarded by Indiana University in 1919 and 1925. He has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Mississippi College.

In addition to this work he has done further graduate work at the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago. While at Chicago, Dr. Nelson studied under Milikan and Compton, outstanding physicists and Nobel Prize winners for physical research work in cosmic rays. The subjects of Dr. Nelson's theses for advanced degrees were **Phosphorescence and Fluorescence and Triboluminescence**.

Dr. Nelson has served for seventeen years as President of Mississippi College, and has been Head of the Department and Professor of Physics for twenty-four years. For three years he was Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Dr. Nelson has been rated as ninth in the nation in "Physics Teachers in America Whose Students Received Advanced Degrees in Physics." He is a Past President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Past President of the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Convention and Past Vice-President of the Southern Association of Colleges.

Technical and professional groups in which he holds memberships include the Commission of the Institute of Higher Learning; Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; American Council on Education; Optical Society of America;

American Association of Physics Teachers and American Association of University Professors. In addition to these groups, he is a member of the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, and the Woodmen of the World.

When he has an opportunity to take time off from his educational administrative and denominational duties, Dr. Nelson likes to relax by playing golf.

Consecrated and qualified, Dr. Nelson is typical of the faculty and administrative officers of 122 year old Mississippi College. He embodies all the characteristics of Christian educators which are necessary requirements for personnel at Mississippi College. Men and women like Dr. Nelson guide and instruct young Mississippi Baptists in their collegiate life when they attend Mississippi College. Your contribution to the Mississippi College Endowment Fund Campaign will help to give these men and women the necessary plant and equipment with which to provide not only the best education but the best Christian education available in Mississippi or the South for Baptist young men and women.

—BR—

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (BP) — Floating down the Mississippi is 100 tons of relief supplies—headed for New Orleans where it will be handled by the Southern Baptist Relief Center and reshipped to needy areas overseas. A barge contributed by Federal Barge Lines left St. Louis with 80,000 pounds of used clothing and shoes on board. Stopping here it picked up more than 100,000 pounds additional. Huge Ellis Auditorium here was loaned to the Baptists as warehouse and assembling point, and Baptists from a wide area sent their donations here.

The November issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine has an interesting article by Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of the First Church, Meridian, entitled "Christian Stewardship and World Recovery."

Dr. J. D. Franks, former pastor of the First Church, Columbus, and now European Representative of Southern Baptist Relief Committee, has moved his headquarters from Geneva, Switzerland, to 1, Gheistrasse, Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland.

BALTIMORE Md. — (RNS) — A Protestant-supported measure barring parochial school children from riding in Calvert County buses was approved by a vote of 2,046 to 759, according to complete returns from that county.



Department of Church Music

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"For the beauty of the Earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Christ our God, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."

Autumn approaches in all its resplendent glory! The harvest season ushered in is climaxed in THANKSGIVING. It is entirely fitting that thankful people everywhere raise 'this our hymn of grateful praise' and join in singing, "For the Beauty of The Earth". The words of this hymn express thankfulness for God's gifts beginning with the wonders of nature, including friendships and family loves, religious liberty and 'Thy church that evermore offers her pure sacrifice of love'. This great tune known as Dix serves as a perfect example of earnest worship.

Mrs. Ruth Nininger, State Music Director for Arkansas Baptists, suggests that each important phase of this hymn is set to a corresponding "For Thyself, best gift divine, For that great, great love of Thine;
Christ our God to Thee this our hymn of grateful praise."

musical pulsation, lending itself admirably to antiphonal singing. Two choirs or groups of singers could do this hymn effectively by alternating the phrases, and both joining in the refrain. It is noteworthy that this famous tune, which was used originally to the hymn, "As With Gladness Men of Old", is played daily at high noon in the metropolis of London on the Big Ben Chimes.

An interesting and beautiful devotional service can be built on the stanzas of this hymn, interspersed with suitable scripture. Plan something special for your THANKSGIVING musical program this year. Plan for the entire congregation to have a part in giving thanks this season.

Clarke College Alumni Plan Convention Dinner

The Alumni of Clarke Memorial College, the Rev. Homer Roberson, president, will have a banquet at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Jackson, November 16 at 5:45 p. m., during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The price of the meal will be \$2.00.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. W. P. Davis, pastor of the First Church, Hollan-

dale. Others to appear on the program will be Dr. O. P. Moore, newly elected alumni secretary for the college; Dr. W. E. Greene, president of the college; and Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The hotel can accommodate only about 150 persons. Those planning to attend are urged to notify Mr. Roberson, care of East Greenville Baptist Church, Greenville, Mississippi, immediately.

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

As the Mississippi State Convention convenes in Jackson, the Sunday School Board joins the Mississippi Baptist Book Store in extending Christian greetings to Mississippi Baptists. Grateful for the privilege of having served you in the past and with prayers for an even more glorious growth in the future, the Board and Book Store stand ready to cooperate, as always, with Mississippi Baptists in all phases of the Lord's work. It is a joy for the Board to supply the literature needed by your churches for efficient service, a distinct privilege for the Store to furnish Mississippi churches with Bibles, song books, and all supplies from the best sources.

Visit the Book Exhibit while you're at the Convention. Special displays will feature many items of particular interest to you. Browse as often as you like, as long as you like. And if you don't see what you want, ask one of the trained workers for details. At the Special Exhibit, as all through the year in the Store, the aim is to serve you efficiently and quickly.

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Boys To Kentucky



BOYD ARMSTRONG

Boyd Armstrong, who has served with signal success as Associational Missionary, located in Columbus for nearly three years, has resigned and accepted a pastorate near Louisville, Ky., and will attend the Southern Seminary to complete his training. He assumed his new work the first of November. The family will join him when living quarters are secured.

The Armstrong family has won a large place in the hearts of the members of the churches of Lowndes County during their three years of work. The work of the entire association has made marked progress under his leadership. Each year the number of Vacation Bible Schools has gone beyond the number of churches in the county. Study courses have been held in all of the churches, etc.

During the three years thousands

N. O. SEMINARY STUDENT
KILLED IN CAR WRECK
NEAR NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Nov. 7.—A Lubbock, Tex., theological student was killed and four of her classmates were injured in an auto collision today as they were en route to hold religious services in several small Louisiana towns.

State police listed the dead girl as Miss Zola Mae Elliott, 21, critically injured were Albert H. Hodge, 27, Kenly, N. C., and Miss Billie McColskey, 20, Tampa, Fla. Others less seriously injured, police said, were: Mrs. Albert H. Hodge, 20; and Fred Chestnut, 30, Mobile, Ala.

The five, all students at Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, were en route to villages along the New Orleans-Baton Rouge highway where they planned to conduct mission services.

The state police said a car occupied by Henry George Maurin, 26, of New Orleans, crashed with the students' station wagon. Maurin received minor face lacerations. The troopers said Maurin told them he lost control of the car when a tire blew out.

of miles have been driven and hundreds of contacts have been made in interest of the Lord's work. During this time three new churches have been organized. One of these churches recently went "full-time." The last organized (two months ago) is located on the Air Base Highway.

In every way possible Rev. Armstrong has aided all of the churches of the association.

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Convention Comments Continued

"We arrived at the Louisville Church in time for Training Union and went into the Young people's Department. Instead of going on with their program, as we thought they should they asked us to tell about the convention. Our students, one by one, stood and told of what the convention meant to them. At the end of this service, one of our students came to Bill Watson, the Louisville Educational Director, and me, and asked if he might surrender his life for mission service in a definite field. In the worship services, Rev. Curtis Askew, appointed missionary to Japan, spoke. At the end of this service, this student came forward and made a public statement of his dedication of his life to mission service in the Bayou country of south Louisiana. Immediately after, another of our boys came forward and surrendered his life for mission service in China. . . For us the climax of the convention was the evening services at the Louisville church. . . We think this convention was the best we have attended in recent years. Our students were all treated royally by the people of Cleveland and Delta State."—Louie Farmer, Jr., Clarke College. . .

One of the best presiding jobs we've ever seen was done by Joe Barber, our State BSU President, at the Cleveland Convention. Joe and Billy Thames, from Miss. State, rigged up a very effective spotlight which kept everybody on time. Since the Convention voted to change the election of officers from the State Retreat to the

Fall Convention, we are looking forward to working longer with Joe and the other State Council members who do not graduate or resign in the near future. . . "the Convention . . . rewarded us for any trouble we might have taken."—Mrs. John Merrill, Jr., Delta State. . . "It was a great pleasure indeed for us to be with you. We will declare dividends on that for a long time to come."—Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Nashville, Tenn. . . "my personal appreciation . . . for the privilege of having a little part . . . I hope the choir accomplished the purpose for which you had so much hope. The members of our choir wish me to express their sincere thanks for the invitation."—Prof. E. N. Elsey, Miss. College. . . "The Convention was a great blessing to me!"—Mrs. Sibyl Brame Townsend, Yazoo City. . . "The one day which I was privileged to spend at your convention was really a blessing to me, and I am very thankful for this opportunity. You can be assured that we will continually pray God's blessings upon your work."—J. T. Grantham, Baptist Hospital, Jackson. . . "this was one of the best we have had . . . We hope to do a better job with BSU because of the inspiration of the convention."—Jean Furr, Co-Lin Jr. College. . . "It was the best Student Convention I have ever attended . . . The response of the students here is very gratifying."—Dr. S. R. Woodson, First Church, Columbus.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD
of the
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Baptist Building
Dallas 1, Texas

November 3, 1948

Dear Dr. McCall:

Thank you for our signed copy of the agreement by and between this Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for the administration of the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan.

The certificates of participation are being prepared for those who have filed application for membership. I have to be out of the office the greater part of next week with our exhibit booth at the Texas Convention but I hope to complete these certificates and get them in the mail to you by the end of this week.

The plan provides that new members may enter the plan only on the beginning of the fiscal year of the plan, which is July 1, in Mississippi. We will accept applications through the remainder of this year, to January 1, 1949, dating their membership from July 1, 1948. Any who may wish to enter the plan from January 1, 1949, to July 1, 1949 will have to wait until July 1, 1949 to begin participation. There is a 90 day grace period for the payment of dues, as you know, and any who may wish to enter the plan for the first 90 days of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949 may do so and date their memberships as of July 1, 1949. After that period, new members cannot be accepted until the beginning of the next fiscal year. We do not require a physical examination and a year must lapse before the protection is effective, as well as having paid dues during that year.

Members of the Widows Plan transferring from another state may enter as of the date of the transfer continuing his participation through the Mississippi group. However, new members may enter only as of the beginning of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,

M. ROPER, Registrar.

cc--Dr. J. T. Odle

YOUTH WEEK OBSERVED
AT SARDIS

The young people of Sardis Church under the leadership of Travis Lunceford, as pastor for the week, have received great blessings as they carried out the duties of the various offices of the church in a Youth Week program.

Every organization of the church has had a representative group of these young people working therein

and in addition to the benefits the young people have received, it has been inspirational to the entire church membership.

On Thursday evening Dr. D. A. McCall was the guest speaker at a banquet given by the WMU honoring these young people.

—BR—

Real Christian grace: to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.—Frank H. Leavell in *The Baptist Student*.

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Perfect: The Sunday School enrollment at Eighth Avenue Church, Meridian, is 369. The attendance last Sunday was 369. Rev. E. F. Greaser is pastor and Lewis Hardin, superintendent.

All Mississippi Baptists are expected to come to the aid of the orphanage by making a love offering for the support of this worthy ministry. Be sure to make an offering through your Sunday School, B.T.U., Brotherhood, Missionary Society, Young People's Auxiliary or your Church sometime during the month. If for any reason you should be unable to attend service when offering is made, you may send your contribution direct or hand same to your Church Treasurer, Pastor, S. S. Supt. or the proper department and they will be glad to see that it reaches the Orphanage.

Hernando: We have just closed our fall revival, with Waddell Valentine, pastor of Southside Church, Jackson, as singer. I did the preaching. The church is revived in many ways.—Percy F. Herring, pastor.

Bear Creek Church, Attala Association, has completed the new house of worship. The church is debt free. Plans are being made for a dedication in the near future.

Rev. Charles Melton, pastor of Burnsville Church, was with the Courtland Church and Pastor Charles Everitt in their fall revival October 21-26. Large crowds attended the services and much lasting good was done. A butane gas system has recently been installed and plans are underway to secure a church bus.

Mrs. Emma Simpson, clerk of the Benton Association, has sent the Baptist Record a copy of the 1948 associational minutes. The meeting was held with Pleasant Hill Church, September 7.

The Southern Baptist Relief Center was one year old on October 15. Prior to that time it was known as the Southern Baptist Church World Service Center. Charles R. Gage, Director of Promotion, has issued a pamphlet giving a survey of (1) what has been done; (2) what remains to be done; (3) how you can help. Anyone desiring a copy should address Mr. Gage at 601 S. Olympia St., New Orleans 19, La.

The Jew in History and Destiny (\$3.25) by Hyman J. Appelman and published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., outlines the past, present, and future of the Jews according to Deuteronomy. The author's intention is that the Holy Spirit will stir the reader to go to the Bible and study what God has to say about this ancient people. Dr. Appelman's book is a warning to America; what God worked out in the history of the Jewish nation, and what He will work out in the lives and activities of other nations. Order should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Children are Life Investments. Not unlike the angels that crowd the starry dome, they come to seek a shelter and a home. Your contributions mean bread, milk, eggs, vegetables, meat, fruits, juices, other foods clothing, shelter, wholesome atmosphere, love, patience and guidance for the children of the Orphanage. It is so much cheaper to save children for a happy life than to punish men and women later. We protect our trees—we also protect our children. Keep the children smiling and you will receive a passport to the land where dreams come true.

Missouri Baptists had their annual association meeting in Kansas City, and adopted a Co-operative Program goal of \$1,000,000 for the new year. K. J. O'Banion, California, was re-elected as moderator of the meeting.

The Orphanage GIVES Christian care and nurture to needy children, orphan or half-orphan, or those who through misfortune are deprived of normal parental care and their own home. The Orphanage PROVIDES adequate living accommodations in an atmosphere that is homelike. In the event of serious illness or needed operations the BAPTIST HOSPITAL gives free hospitalization with attending nurse. Our Staff Physician together with our many Surgeons are very attentive to the needs of our children. The Orphanage PROVIDES recreation and various activities. Attendance at Church, Sunday School, B.T.U., and Young People's Auxiliaries as well as Prayer Meeting is with regularity. Group devotions are observed in the Home daily.

The Baptist Record has no truer friend than Mrs. W. E. Lee of Comò. She recently sent in the renewal list from that good church. The list includes almost every resident family.

In Wichita, Kansas, Roman Catholic Bishop Mark K. Carroll asked Kansas Catholics to vote for repeal of the prohibition law. Bishop Carroll said the Roman Catholic Church taught that "Alcoholic drinks are in themselves a natural good which man has received from the Creator . . . It is an unwarrantable infringement on the reasonable liberty of the mass of the people." Dr. E. Stanley Jones, nationally known missionary and evangelist, in Wichita for a series of evangelistic services, disputed Bishop Carroll's statement. Dr. Jones said that "nothing in nature in its original natural state is intoxicating . . . It has to spoil before it becomes intoxicating." Regarding liberty Dr. Jones said "it is a strange and incongruous argument from the lips of a man who represents an authoritative system of religion—the most authoritarian the world has ever seen."

Pastor Paul L. Bard writes that he has started a Sunday School at Ebenezer Church, Attala Association. A. W. Curtis is superintendent.

Dr. Willis Howard has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Oklahoma City. Dr. Ray Summers, Southwestern Seminary, will serve as interim pastor.

Jack Maier drifted in the Pacific for 32 days in 1944. He was finally rescued by natives of the Gilbert Islands, in the Southwest Pacific. They saved his life. He now wants to use his life to save theirs and is returning as a missionary. He has written the American Bible Society for 500 Bibles in Gilbertese to take with him.

The schedule for shipment of commodities to the Baptist Orphanage for Thanksgiving appears in this issue of The Baptist Record.

Dr. Leslie S. Williams has been elected as a professor in the Department of Bible at Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.

The Japanese people boast that 98 per cent of their citizens can read. And they are clamoring for copies of the Scriptures. The American Bible Society plans to meet this need by supplying 1,725,000 copies of Bibles, Testaments and Gospel portions during 1948, all to be printed in Japanese.

Christian literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Board uses 9,000,000 pounds of paper a year, enough to fill 235 box cars.

Rev. W. E. Lee not only does a good job of getting out the minutes of his association, but he does it in a hurry. Already the minutes of the Panola County Association, which met on September 17, have been printed and distributed. This is the 45th consecutive associational minutes that have been prepared by Mr. Lee. For 17 years he prepared the minutes of the Coldwater Association and for the past 28 years, he has prepared the minutes of the Panola County Association.



DR. CLIFTON J. ALLEN

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, Editorial Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is scheduled to address the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Tuesday afternoon, November 16, at 4:30 o'clock.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Pleasant Hill Church, Clarke County, sent by Mrs. C. V. Adams.

According to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 S. Olympia St., New Orleans 19, the Foreign Mission Board is spending more for relief than has been coming in. It now faces the alternative of refusing many desperate calls for help or asking for increased gifts. Charles R. Gage, director of the Relief Center, writes that individual offering envelopes for relief and rehabilitation are available free in quantities subject to supply. Orders should be sent to the above address.

On October 24 Rev. C. Y. Dossey, assistant Superintendent of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, closed an evangelistic campaign with Pastor Felton H. Griffin and the First Baptist Church of Anchorage, Alaska. The revival resulted in 45 additions to the church, with 18 of this number coming as candidates for baptism. Also, there were 17 rededications, and six young people surrendered their lives for special service. The First Baptist Church at Anchorage is only five years old and has over 200 resident members. There are four other Baptist churches in Alaska. They have organized the Alaska Baptist Convention and cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention. Last year these five churches baptized more than 100 people and gave \$3,409.79 to missions. \$723.37 was sent to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Co-operative Program.

Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary for 1949 is up to its usual high standard. Among its many features are Daily Bible Reading References, Theme and Setting of Lesson, Topical Discussion, Lesson Illustration, and Keyed Review Questions. Washable cover, 320 pages and nearly 300,000 words, the book sells for \$1.50, and should be ordered from the Higley Press, Butler, Indiana.

During the last associational year, 855 people joined Bellevue Church, Memphis, Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor; 300 were for baptism. Total gifts were \$339,334. Of this amount, \$104,173 was for missions.

New Mexico Baptists met in Clovis, and adopted a budget of \$286,420. S. M. Morgan, Artesia, was elected president.

One of the American Bible Society's workers in Brazil reports that he is nearly persecuted because he cannot furnish Bibles, so eager are people for this great book. "I can recall four times when my life was in danger because I was trying to distribute Bibles," he says. "Times are different today."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

November 7, 1948

Jackson, Van Winkle	479	307
Newton	575	232
Friendship (Pike County)	159	68
Rocky Creek		
(George County)	179	112
Lucedale	314	121
Union (Pearl River County)	162	107
Long Creek		
(Lauderdale County)	81	85
West Point, First	459	180
Carmel (Lauderdale County)	57	56
Ford's Creek (Pearl River County)	52	48
Centreville	164	59
Glenfield (Union County)	56	50
Shayden	72	36
O'Tuckalofa		
(Yalobusha County)	60	
Sardis	209	92
Delay (Lafayette County)	51	46
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	74	67
Durant, First	212	79
Central Grove		
(Monroe County)	53	29
Corinth, Tate Street	307	68
Houlka	87	34
East McComb	482	262
East Fork (Amite County)	108	60
Crystal Springs		
(Walthall County)	154	96
South Laurel	80	60
New Albany, First	534	177
Including Mission	607	226
Laurel, First	605	185
Laurel, West	449	175
Laurel, Second Avenue	487	143
Crystal Springs	759	180
Holly Springs		
(Lincoln County)	48	50
East Moss Point	169	88
Bruce	243	75
Mantee	103	40
Cross Roads		
(Webster County)	53	42
Columbus, First	905	265
Bethlehem (Jones County)	127	116
Sharon (Jones County)	118	116
Booneville, First	308	123
Center (Union County)	155	80
Cherry Creek		
(Pontotoc County)	60	48
Chalybeate	80	30
Pearlhaven (Lincoln County)	156	9
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	85	102
Calvary (Pike County)	79	66
New Zion (Cochise County)	92	79
Brookhaven, First	866	278
Hazlehurst	360	96
Providence		
(Forrest County)	180	110
Hattiesburg, Main Street	827	285
Meridian, First	721	
Meridian, Fifteenth Ave.	532	123
Meridian, Highland	447	169
Meridian, Southside	392	194
Meridian, Eighth Ave.	369	109
Meridian, 41st Ave.	310	94
Meridian, Poplar Springs	266	94
Meridian, Oakland Heights	143	52
Meridian, Oak Grove	133	58
Meridian, Key Field Mission	59	
East Side (Rankin County)	122	97
Jackson, Elaine	143	93
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	310	123
Jackson, Southside	193	102
Jackson, Parkway	702	272
Parkway Chapel	85	31
Jackson, Northside	444	162
Jackson, Calvary	1,292	327
Stone Street Mission	33	17
Jackson, First	1,257	469
October 31, 1948		
Rocky Creek		
(George County)	169	94
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	76	65
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	75	112
Meridian, First	656	
Meridian, Highland	460	173
Meridian, Fifteenth Ave.	456	130
Meridian, Southside	379	174
Meridian, Eighth Ave.	322	84
Meridian, Poplar Springs	237	68
Meridian, 41st Ave.	276	98
Meridian, Oakland Heights	129	54
Meridian, Oak Grove	134	59
Meridian, Key Field Mission	48	

Thirteen Students at Miss. College Named For "Who's Who"



Thirteen students of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., have been chosen to represent their school in the annual Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Those chosen from Mississippi College for this honor were Hyran Barefoot, Frances Bibb, Tillman Britt, Joe M. Cooper, Barbara Given, Betty Lee Gordon, Joe Frank Hamilton, Jr., Terry Hatchett, James Merritt, Faye Myers, Frank Hart Smith, Shirley Sullivan and Roland Wilson.

Students chosen for this honor were recommended by the college faculty. Selections were made on the basis of "... the student's scholarship, his leadership and cooperation in educational and extra-curricular activities, his general citizenship, and his promise of future usefulness."

Hyram Euvane Barefoot, Louin, is a ministerial student and a member of the Ministerial Association.

Helen Frances Bibb, Drew was the Mississippi Baptist Student Union representative to Hawaii during the past summer. She is a member of the Greater Council of the BSU and of the Women's Student Government Association. She sings in the College Choir and is a member of the Volunteer Mission Band, the Young Women's Auxiliary and the Hermenian Literary Society.

Henry Tillman Britt, Jackson, is president of the Junior Class and is a medical student. He is assistant editor of *The Tribesman*, plays quarterback on the Choctaw football squad and is a member of the varsity "M" Club. He is also a member of the BSU.

Joe Marders Cooper, Oakland, is president of the College Ministerial Association. He is a member of the Volunteer Mission Band and the Tribal Playhouse, M. C. Dramatic Club. While a Sophomore he was president of his class and he has held a fellowship in the Department of Bible since that year.

Barbara Ann Given, Ripley, Tennessee, is president of the Women's Student Government Association. She serves on the Greater Council of the BSU and is a member of the YWA and the Volunteer Mission Band.

Betty Lee Gordon, Clinton, sings in the Chorale Choir and is a member of the Tribal Playhouse. She is also a member of the International Relations Club, YWA Hermenian Society and the Volunteer Mission Band. She has a fellowship in the Department of Foreign Languages and is Student Instructor of French.

Joe Frank Hamilton, Jr., Memphis, is president of the Chorale Choir. He is a medical student, and is a member of the Pre-Med Club. He serves on the BSU Greater Council and holds membership in the Hermenian Society and the Volunteer Mission Band.

Terry Bryan Hatchett, Glasgow, Ken-

tucky, has a most remarkable scholastic average. His average is "A" on every course he has taken in college. He is a senior, a member of the College band, Philomathean Society, Volunteer Mission Band and the Ministerial Association.

James Edwin Merritt, Petal, is president of the BSU. Merritt is on the football squad and is a member of the varsity "M" Club, a member of the Hermenian Society and the Volunteer Mission Band.

Ila Faye Myers, Forest, is vice-president of the Women's Student Government Association. She is a member of the BSU Greater Council, the Volunteer Mission Band, and the Hermenian Society. She holds an assistantship in the Department of Sociology.

Frank Hart Smith, Greenwood, is editor of the 1949 yearbook, *The Tribesman* and is an assistant in the English Department.

Shirley Ann Sullivan, Jackson, is Secretary of the Student Body Association and also vice-president of the Women's Student Government Association. She is a member of Epsilon Kappa Kappa, girls' cultural society, and the International Relation Club.

Lloyd Roland Wilson, New Albany, is a junior. Last year he was Representative-at-large from student body to the Executive Council. He is a guard on the football squad.

OAK GROVE GAINS

At the recent Amite County meeting, the Oak Grove Church, with 110 members in its Training Union reported 101 certificates held. This union started in 1946 with 37 members. This church noted good gains in all its work. During the time they were without a pastor, the Sunday School workers carried on the services. Attendance is high. With the completion of a large cement block building, plans call for the old structure to be used as Sunday School rooms.

Pastor Calvin Stegall is happy in the love of his people, and sees the evidence of God's blessings on his efforts as he serves the Lord.

The Board of Trustees, Management, Faculty and Children of the Orphanage are truly grateful for the provision Mississippi Baptists have made for them. They receive 6% from funds contributed through the Cooperative Program and gifts at the Thanksgiving Season. Continue to help us in this manner and we will do our best for the children committed to your care.

Foreign Mission Board Adopts 1949 Budget of \$3,000,000

BLUE MTN. ANNOUNCES WEDDING PERSONNEL

Blue Mountain, Miss., Nov. 5—Miss Betty Jane Rodgers, Yazoo City, director of Blue Mountain College's traditional junior-freshman wedding which will be held here November 13, has announced the personnel of the wedding party.

Marilyn Clayton, Cockrum, is the bride and Janet Stanger, Walnut, is the groom. The maid of honor is Letitia Bigelow of Memphis, Tenn., and the matron of honor, Jeanne Nelms of Gadsden, Ala.; Betty Cooper of Jackson is best man. The ring-bearer and flower girls are Ronnie Donnell and Betty Jean Hollis, respectively, of Blue Mountain. Bridesmaids are: Helen James, Sumner; Joan Mitchell, Blue Mountain; Betty Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; Erin Stewart, Greenwood; Sarah Anne Bryson, Tupelo; Mary D. Wilds, Oxford; Jimmie Pierce, Bogalusa, La.; Margaret Anne Phillips, Memphis, Tenn.; Elisabeth Reynolds, Sumter, S. C.; Peggy Stacy, Tupelo. Groomsmen are: Rosalind Owens, Clanton, Ala.; Evelyn Hill, Luxora, Ark.; Voncille Carroll, Montgomery, Ala.; Frances Cox, Saulsbury, Tenn.; Margaret McMullen, Sumner; Betty Waters, Baldwin; Mary Blanche McMullen, Sumner; Nell Davis, Charleston; Odell McCarthy, Baldwin; Cynthia Porter, Townville, S. C.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

The General Association of East Mississippi held its annual session with the Harmony Church, Rev. Dan Moulder, pastor.

Rev. Luther Holcomb, pastor of the Durant Church, assisted Pastor H. R. Holcomb of the West End Church, Laurel, in a revival meeting during which 46 were received—30 of whom by baptism.

25 YEARS AGO

The Mississippi Woman's College opened "with every place in every room taken and some students anxiously awaiting."

Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, has let the contract for a \$25,000 church building.

Pastor T. W. Young of the First Baptist Church, Corinth, welcomes the Baptist hosts of the State to their city for the annual session of the Convention. The other two churches and pastors join heartily in the welcome.

Pastor J. E. Wills of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, is given a vacation to regain his health with a bonus of \$500 to pay expenses and an increase of salary on his return to take up the work.

The First Baptist church of Jackson has just closed a "meeting of great spiritual power" in which the pastor (not named) was assisted by Rev. J. E. Wills of the First Church, McComb. Visible results: 10 for baptism and 9 by letter.

The First Baptist church, Jackson, has chosen Rev. J. E. Wills as their missionary to China, and he plans to sail at an early date for his chosen field.

Pastor James Spikes of Derma R. F. D. No. 2 has placed the Baptist Record in every home in Beulah church, Choctaw county, sending a check for the full year.

Teacher in Clinton desires housekeeper and companion for shut-in. Housework light. Salary in addition to room and board. Contact Editor of Baptist Record.

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in session at its headquarters here adopted a 1949 budget of \$2,973,617, which was \$18,000 more than the budget recommended by the executive staff.

Of this amount, \$2,625,877 is for mission work overseas, and \$285,290 for the home office. According to this budget \$409,036 will be used in direct evangelistic activity in 25 geographical areas abroad, \$260,026 for schools \$59,750 for medical work, \$101,511 for literature, and \$1,135,700 for personnel.

E. P. Buxton, treasurer, reported receipts for the first nine months of 1948 totaling \$4,500,000, of which \$2,941,614 were provided by the denomination's Southwide Cooperative Program. This sum exceeds last year's budget receipts for the same period by \$361,152. The Board's invested funds total \$5,430,928.

Dr. George W. Sadler, reporting for the relief committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, stated that \$50,000 has been appropriated for displaced persons in Europe. "It is estimated that 18,000 of these unfortunate people are Baptists, and we believe it is our responsibility to help them take advantage of the opportunity to resettle in the United States, under the provisions our Government has made," Dr. Sadler asserted.

He reported that \$25,000 has been sent to the committee's European representative, Dr. J. D. Franks in Geneva, for general relief work on the continent, and \$15,000 for a feeding center and hostel for 10,000 to 20,000 Romanians who have escaped to Paris. The relief committee stated that funds on hand have been reduced to \$72,243, and must be replenished if appeals from Baptists in Europe and Asia are to be met.

IN MEMORY OF WILL S. BATES

Will has gone but not forever,
He lives again beyond the River,
Where Saints can feel no pain or sorrow
But Happy now, and glad tomorrow.

His service here so freely given,
Will bring him peace and joy in Heaven;
He knew no stranger here below,
But every man a friend, and so,
He lived a life so kind and sweet
We know he rests at Jesus feet.

He was a husband fond and true,
He loved his home and loved ones too;
He labored hard to here prepare,
That each should live without a care.
He felt his need of one to save,
And trusted God before the Grave
Had claimed his form, but not his Soul,
Which lives today by Him made whole;
And so with those who yet remain
We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

For such a life is sweet to claim,
The sweetness of his blessed name,
We held him here, a brother near,
A husband true and father dear,
And noble Christian pure in heart—
Such memories can not depart.

So long as Christ shall live above
He'll reign with him in peace and love,
And some sweet day, we'll meet him there

Where Saints of God are free from care,
And there again we'll love him more
Upon that Glad and Happy Shore.

MARIE BATES
—Paid.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for November 14

PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE. Amos 5:21-6:6; 7:10-17; Micah 4:1-5:5; 2-4:6 6:6-8.

I. PROPHECY. What is it? Not merely or mainly prediction of coming events. A. T. Pierson has said that there are probably 1,000 predictions in the two testaments, of which about 800 are in the Old Testament, and of these 300 are Messianic, that is, they tell of the coming Christ. Someone has somewhere said that approximately half of the Bible is predictive.

"When we use the word prophet, as a rule we think of a man who is foretelling the future, but in both Testaments, a prophet fundamentally was an appointed, regular speaker for a divine superior, whose speech carries the authority of the latter." A prophet might have a message of judgment or of exhortation, urging people to turn from their ways of wickedness and walk in the will of God.

Often, however, the prophet was given a vision of the future, and made predictive utterances concerning a great many subjects. But hold always in mind that the prophet was a God-called, God-filled, God-constrained preacher of righteousness. This was always his certificate of identification, his credentials of authority from the court of heaven: "My name is Elijah. I stand before God!"

In regard to true prophetic literature our Bible is unique. The Babylonians, particularly, wrought out schemes for forecasting the future, especially in relation to war and the fortunes of kingdoms, and later in Greece there was developed an elaborate system for consulting the oracles, yet there was no such body of prophetic literature in the whole ancient world as the Hebrews possessed. In fact, there is not one clear, definite, true, prophetic utterance in all of ancient, referring to any specific event in the last 1,900 years, or of anything yet to come. So we have in our Bible all there is of the genuine God-breathed prophecy. Let us look briefly at two examples.

II. GOD'S REJECTION OF FORMAL RELIGION. Amos 5:21-6:6. "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies." Of course people who are sincere in their love of God and their profession of faith in Him ought to assemble themselves for worship, ought to give gifts to God for promotion of His kingdom, but when assemblies and gifts take the place of vital Godliness, they have no place in the sight of God, nay, they have a place, but it is the place of dishonor, of rejection, of utter abomination in the sight of God. "Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs." Well, have you ever heard "the noise of songs" that did honor God, because such songs did not express the soul-deep longing of the singer's heart for God?

Here is the God-pleasing alternative: "Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. Justice here means judicial fairness between man and man, as an expression of man's sense of fellowship with God, and for His holy sake. Of righteousness Jehovah says it rolls down as a perennial stream, one that never grows dry."

III. PROPHET AND PRIEST LOOK EACH OTHER IN THE EYE. Amos 7:10-17. We see Amos, the countryman, from down in the poor little land of Tekoah. Now look at Amaziah, priest to the king's court, well dressed and faultlessly mannered, proud of purse and prominent of paunch! Amos the rube, the red-neck, the hayseed, troubled the prosperous priest, who desired to get rid of him. So the priest sends a message to the king, telling him that Amos is a dangerous

CAST OF BLUE MTN. COLLEGE'S PLAY "I REMEMBER MAMA"



Shown above is the cast of Blue Mountain College's feature play for 1948, *I Remember Mama*: Front row, left to right—Joyce Keeler, "Dorothy Schiller"; Betty Sue Dixon, "Anna"; and Margery Smith, "Christine." Middle row, left to right: Maureen Collums, "Dagmar"; Ruth Hines, "Aunt Sigrid"; Betty McClure, "Katrin"; Mary Murphy "Papa"; Mary Louise

Oakley, "Mama"; Brooks Collins, "Uncle Chris"; Virginia Marbury, "Aunt Trina"; Mary Lou McGee, "Nels"; Edith Hines, "Mr. Thorkelson"; Miss Myrtle Cawood, director. Back row, left to right: Miriam Preston, "Mr. Hyde"; Hilda Lackey, "Dr. Johnson"; Sylvia Burr, "Florence Dana Moorhead"; Cynthia Porter, "Madeline"; Voncile Haire, a nurse and a bellboy; Virginia Shumpert, a

woman; Mamie Lou Eubanks, a nurse; Juanita Barkley, the scrub-woman and soda jerk. Evelyn Singleton, "Aunt Jenny", is not in the picture.

The premier showing will be at Blue Mountain College November 12. Five other performances will be held, the first one at Houston November 15, then Durant November 16 Carthage November 17, Decatur November 18 and Clinton November 19.

trouble-maker; then the priest goes to the prophet and advises him.

"Run, you Visionary, back down into Judah among your kind and scold them and eat your meager fare there; but, do not, I beseech you, attempt to stay here! You are in the city now, and the city of the king, at that. You are not the type of preacher this community needs. Of course you are preaching for popularity, but you are a failure here." Note Amos' answer: "I am not a professional prophet, but Jehovah called me to preach to this people here, and I have done it. As for you, you have lined up with the devil's bunch, and you shall eat the meat apportioned to those who do the devil's bidding. Your family is coming to ruin, you are doomed, and your king is destined to ruin and his people to captivity in a foreign land." The devil will use the servants of the Lord. Those who accept service with him thereby devote themselves to ruin.

IV. MICAH SEES THE MESSIAH. Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4.

1. We have not yet seen the fulfillment of this prediction. People are here said to be seeking the house of Jehovah, but no such thing has yet been, and today the world seems to be further from the foretold condition than it has been in all the centuries. The League of Nations was godless, the United Nations is God-defying, giving no slightest evidence of a desire to find and walk the way of God. But the prophet says the time will come, and those who believe the word of God look expectantly to the dawn of the promised day.

2. The place of the Savior's birth. There is nothing in all recorded speech more remarkable than this prediction. More than 700 years before Jesus was born, a prophet pointed his finger at a little village in Judea and said, "Behold the birthplace of the Savior!" Who ever pointed out the birthplace of a president of this country, a leader in any department of our national life, economic, social or religious?

IRENE CHAPEL DESTROYED BY EARLY MORNING FIRE

Irene Chapel Church near Hattiesburg was destroyed by fire on October 27.

The Rev. C. E. Smith, pastor, said the building, a surplus chapel obtained from Camp Shelby, was valued at \$7,000 and was not covered by insurance. He estimated that it would take \$25,000 to replace the church.

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MRS. S. E. DUNN

Early Tuesday morning, July 13, 1948, gently and quietly the angel of mercy came to the bedside of our beloved friend and neighbor, Mrs. S. E. Dunn, and bore her spirit into the presence of our Lord.

Mrs. Dunn was known for her friendly attitude toward all, ever extending a helping hand wherever needed, always finding something to do—not only for those most dear to her, but for all with whom she came in contact. Her illness extended over a period of many years, but she laughed off the sufferings as if she had nothing to face.

Miss her? Yes, we miss her in our T. E. L. Class on Sunday mornings; miss her at our W. M. U. meetings; at the close of day we miss her as leader of her B. A. U. group. And at the worship hours of our church we miss her, as it was her custom to always be there. But most of all we miss her as she went about doing good, by her beautiful influence carrying Christ and His life and love to all with whom she came in contact. We can never forget her and we are looking forward to a happy reunion on Eternity's shore.

Our deepest sympathy, love and prayers we extend to her bereaved family and loved ones.

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W. W. Boggans Appointed As Missionaries To Indians

Rev. Wetron W. Boggan has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Achille, Oklahoma, in order that he and his wife may accept an appointment under the Home Mission Board. The Boggans will be missionaries to the Chickasaw Indians and will make their headquarters in Davis Oklahoma.

Mr. Boggan was born and reared near Mendenhall. He was ordained in his home church, Macedonia, in 1938. After his marriage to Jessie Mae Gates of Ada, Okla., he and his wife moved to Bogue Chitto, Mississippi, where he served as pastor of four rural churches.

Other pastorates include Lowell, Arkansas, and Fairview, Oklahoma.

Boggan entered the Army as a chaplain in 1943 and served until the end of the war. He gained the rank of Captain and was decorated with five battle stars and the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

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O'Briants Have Anniversary At Their New Grenada Home



DR. & MRS. A. L. O'BRIANT
By Glen Eric Wiley, Pastor First Baptist Church, Grenada

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. O'Briant recently observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Grenada, Miss., after spending the summer in Chapel Hill, N. C., with the family of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Street.

Dr. O'Briant was born in Attala County, in a home noted for its Christian character, where the Bible was their guide for daily living, and the Baptist Layman (now the Baptist Record) was read to the family assembled on Sunday.

Educated at Mississippi College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. O'Briant was granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Mississippi Woman's College.

For 62 years Dr. O'Briant was engaged in active work of the ministry, and still supplies as occasion

demands. This entire ministry as occasion demands. This entire ministry has been spent in his native state, except for overseas service in World War I. He has served 50 churches, among them being Florence, Magee, Okolona, Clarksdale and Hattiesburg Immanuel, having organized the last two named. He was also the earliest promoter of the Woman's College, calling the first meeting of all deacons of the Baptist Churches of Hattiesburg, which group initiated the establishment of the school.

He was Enlistment Secretary for the \$75,000,000 Campaign, and later served as chaplain of the Mississippi State Penitentiary under appointment of Governor Paul B. Johnson. As an evangelist, there are noted among more than 1,000 converts, such men as Dr. H. E. Dana, Dr. L. E. Green, Dr. W. L. Holcomb, J. C. Richardson, and the Hogan Brothers.

While pastor at Hardy, Dr. O'Briant married his organist, Miss Lucy Jennings. She has been active in the Lord's work. She holds degrees from Grenada College, South Mississippi College, Woman's College and did graduate work at Columbia University, and attended the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. She taught in the public schools of Grenada, and was Librarian at Woman's College for 20 years, during which time she organized the library and saw it grow from a mere 300 volumes to more than 23,000.

Dr. and Mrs. O'Briant are the parents of two daughters, Olive, who died in infancy, and Lucy Nash, now Mrs. James Street. They also have three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Still vitally interested in Kingdom work, these two wonderful servants of

DEACONS ORDAINED

Nine men were ordained as deacons in a joint ordination service at the Ethel Baptist Church on October 1. Participating were Ebenezer, Bear Creek and Ethel in Attala Association. Those ordained were: Arnold Hood, G. T. Brunt, Sidney Bailey and W. H. Leslie, Jr., of Ethel; L. C. Neighbors, H. J. Frazier and Vernon Davis of Bear Creek; J. W. Adcock and A. W. Curtis of Ebenezer. Messages were brought by Rev. R. C. Holcomb of Kosciusko First Church and Deacon Ben Odom of Second Church Kosciusko. Rev. Marlin Miller of McCool led in the ordination prayer.

Rev. Paul L. Bard is pastor at Ethel, full time, and divides Sunday afternoon services with Ebenezer and Bear Creek, as he promotes active work in all these churches.

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We gauge happiness in terms of coupons and success by ability to keep up. "Keeping up with the Joneses" is a popular American game. We risk all to win it, and when the crash comes all is gone. Long ago Jesus warned about artificial values, and justified the statement that he who has nothing but things has nothing. Things possessed in abundance and used for the glory of Christ who makes such possession possible are wonderful agencies for good. You and I must do our best to support standards of real value.—John L. Hill in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

the Lord are valuable members of the First Church of Grenada, and are regular participants in its services. Dr. O'Briant frequently supplying the pulpit leading prayer-meeting, teaching in the Sunday school, and taking an active part in the program of the Brotherhood.

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TRAIN SCHEDULES LISTED BELOW:

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Load at all points on Wednesday, November 24th. Originating at Calhoun City and other points into Houston. These shipments will then be delivered to Jackson, Miss., by G.M.&O.R.R.

GULF MOBILE & OHIO R. R.: (Formerly G. M. & N. R. R.)

Load at all points on Wednesday, November 24th. Starting from the North at Brownsfield and from the South at Sandy Hook, also Evanston, McLain, Lucedale, and all points into Laurel.

GULF, MOBILE & OHIO R. R.: (Formerly M. & O. R. R.)

Start at Corinth, Tuesday, November 23rd, and work to Meridian; Start at State Line, Tuesday, November 23rd.

COLUMBUS AND GREENVILLE:

Load to Columbus to Winona, and Greenville to Winona, Tuesday, November 23rd. Shipments will then be picked up and delivered to Jackson by I. C. R.

MISSISSIPPI CENTRAL:

Load Hattiesburg to Brookhaven; also Natchez to Brookhaven, Tuesday, November 23rd. Shipments will be picked up and delivered to Jackson by I. C. R. R.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL SYSTEM: (Including Y. & M. V. and G. & S. I.)

Start at Lakeview, Horn Lake, Holly Springs, Aberdeen, Meridian, Laurel, Gulfport, Osyka, Centreville and Natchez, on Wednesday, November 24th and work to Jackson.

Any shipments made from November 22nd through December 25th will be handled free of charge, but we are asking that all shipments be consolidated and shipped from the point of origin on the date specified if possible. Be sure to have your supplies at the proper shipping point on the day before shipments are to leave. See that all packages are well wrapped or boxed and marked plainly for the BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

If for any reason shipment cannot be conveniently made on the above dates your local Agent will accept same on any date from November 22 through December 25.

VAN WINKLE HONEST DAY GETS RESULTS

Van Winkle Church, Jackson, set aside Sunday, November 7, as Honest Day. Every church member was asked to be honest with God on that day by attending Sunday School, Training Union, and both preaching services, and by tithing his income of the previous week.

Of the 600 enrolled in Sunday School, 479 were present, breaking the previous 428 attendance record. Of 316 enrolled in Training Union, 307 were present. The offering for the day was \$2,126, more than three times the usual amount.

The church is going forward under the leadership of Pastor Herman A. Milner. During the past year a baby building has been built, housing two Beginner departments and the nursery, and joining the church by means of a breeze-way. Miss Willene Weatherall has been added to the staff as church secretary.

Also during the year 165 were added to the church, 51 by baptism. Total gifts amounted to \$34,326, of which \$3,821 was for missions.

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Bucharest Baptist Seminary To Open

BUCHAREST —(RNS)— Inauguration of a fall term at the Baptist Seminary here was approved by the Baptist Union of Romania, which met at Curtici, Transylvania, with 121 delegates approved by the Ministry of Cults in attendance. The seminary was reopened in November last year after having been closed for six years, but the number of students was subsequently ordered limited because of the food shortage.

It was announced that the term would begin on November 7, continuing until the end of February, when students will leave to work on farms in the provinces. In this way, the students, who are required to take courses in agriculture, will help relieve the food scarcity which continues to be one of the major problems of the Baptist community.

The Rev. Dr. Dan was re-elected president of the Union. Reports presented at the meeting showed increased attendance at church services, and particularly at Sunday School classes.

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FUTURE FARMERS STRESS SPIRITUAL VALUES

MADISON, Wis.—(RNS)— Religious and spiritual values are gaining new importance in the program of the Wisconsin chapter of the Future Farmers of America, a group that includes thousands of young farmers enrolled in agricultural courses in small town high schools.

A newly-adopted list of work projects for local groups includes as a major objective the "nurturing of the spiritual life of FFA members."

This spiritual goal is given equal place with such occupational and economic interests as soil conservation, improvement of livestock breeds and farmstead beautification.

According to the work program, local chapters will stress regular church attendance, encourage members to take part in church youth work and invoke God's blessing at chapter meals and meetings.

The Wisconsin chapter of the FFA was the first in the nation last year to elect a state chaplain.

PHILIP NEAL LICENSED



During the simultaneous Youth Revival in Lauderdale County, Philip Neal of 41st Avenue dedicated himself to the Gospel ministry and has been licensed by the church.

On October 20 he preached his first sermon at 41st Avenue. This church is noted for the number of preachers it has sent out. Among them are: Dr. W. L. Sewell, Dr. W. E. Greene, Dr. Eugene Farr, Lewis Curtis, John Cook, E. C. Farr, and Geo. H. Gay.

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Miss. Association Reports 227 Baptisms

The Mississippi Baptist Association, our oldest association, met on October 7-8.

The 25 churches in the association reported a membership of 5,000 with 2,600 enrolled in Sunday School, 227 baptisms, and \$89,000 given to all causes.

The following officers were elected at the meeting: Moderator, Hon. J. T. Lowrey, Gloster, and vice-moderator, Rev. Melvin T. Wilson. Rev. Sam Waggener will continue to serve as associational missionary.

The 1949 session will meet at Centreville for the first day and at Oak Grove the second.

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Two Mississippians Serve As Summer Missionaries

By William Hall Preston

The Baptist students of the South participated in sending more than a score of missionaries to the Hawaiian Islands, San Andres in South America and California. Ten young people besides the adults went to the "rainbow isles" conducting Vacation Bible Schools and youth revivals, participating in training schools and study courses. There were 121 in the Vacation Bible Schools and most of these children out of Buddhist backgrounds. Many accepted Christ throughout the summer. The missionaries are enthusiastically inviting twelve to participate in the 1949 summer mission.

Four young men went to Colombia and San Andres conducting Vacation Bible Schools and youth revivals. Approximately 600 were enrolled in the Vacation Bible Schools with 152 conversions. The Baptist church of San Andres has written an invitation for another group to render a similar service this coming summer.

A number of young people augmented by the Home Mission Board and state forces worked in the local churches and mission points of California. Enthusiastic reports have come to the Southwide office concerning this mission service. Some of those participating from the states were:

Hawaiian Islands: Sue Eldson, Tennessee; David Small, South Carolina; Zoe Vier Jernigan, South Carolina; June Cavanah, Kentucky; FRANCES BIBB, MISSISSIPPI; Maxine Magruder, Kentucky; Gene Kratz, Alabama; Emily Nail, Texas; Marlin Gennings, Arkansas; Paul Mosteller, Kentucky; Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Westmoreland and daughter, Texas.

San Andres Island: Ernest Pippin, Tennessee; Keith Parks, Texas; James Hatley, Kentucky; Dan Rainbolt, Texas. California: SYLVIA BURR, MISSISSIPPI; Theresa Beasley, Tennessee; Tom Brandon, Tennessee; Pearl Holmes, Georgia; Jean Buckalew, Georgia.

KYZAR LEADS REVIVAL AT BUCATUNA CHURCH

Rev. W. W. Kyzar led the annual revival at Bucatuna Church in Wayne County.

Grady Walley, who is a student at Ellisville Junior College, was converted during the meeting and also surrendered to preach. He recently preached his first sermon in his home church.

The Bucatuna pastor, Rev. J. J. Roberts, has started a mission in an isolated section near Bucatuna.

A pastor's home is under construction.

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OKOLONA HAS GREATEST BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Sunday, October 17, was BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY in the Okolona Baptist Church where S. E. Byler is the pastor. In the morning service, the theme was "Christ's Call for Discipleship" with a special emphasis placed upon the service that men can render in the work of the Kingdom. In the evening service, the Brotherhood took complete charge of the service. The men's choir sang two special selections; and three of the laymen brought ten minute messages on the following subjects:

1. "The Relationship of the Men in the Program of the Church and Sunday School."

2. "The Responsibility of the Men in Reaching the Boys of the Church and Community."

3. "The Responsibility of the Men in Making the Home Christian."

On Tuesday night following, the Brotherhood met in their regular monthly meeting for a "Father and Son" banquet. "Chicken in the rough" with French fried potatoes was served to 89 men and boys in the church's dining room. The meal was prepared entirely by the men, and also served by them.

The speaker of the evening was Judge John McCall of Memphis. Judge McCall spoke of the influence of the men, and the responsibility of the men in the home and church, their loyalty to the church, their fidelity to the home their patriotism to the country, and their worship to God.

Without a question, this was the greatest Brotherhood meeting that the Okolona Church has ever had, and a new interest has been manifest by the Brotherhood, in that the men are going to meet every Sunday night for a program in the church before the evening service of the church.

The president of the Okolona Brotherhood this year is Mr. Morris Bell, with Mr. G. L. Jourdan, secretary-treasurer.

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Southern Seminary Alumni Plan Convention Breakfast

The Alumni of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will have a breakfast meeting during the coming meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The breakfast will be served at the Walthall Hotel at 7:00 a. m., Wednesday, November 17.

The speaker will be Dr. O. T. Binkley, professor of Christian Ethics and Sociology at the Louisville institution.

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For many years we have been blessed in the work of caring for orphaned boys and girls. Mississippi Baptists have been kind, thoughtful, and generous in their support. Our thanks go to you daily.—Supt. W. G. Mize and Faculty.



A good sign—shown above is the sign near the Arcola Church Rev. Joe T. Siler, pastor. Every Baptist church should have an attractive sign.

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ALASKAN BAPTISTS HOLD CONVENTION

ANCHORAGE, Alaska —(BP)— Two hundred messengers and visitors from four churches and three missions attended the third annual session of the Baptist Convention of Alaska here.

Membership of these cooperating churches is 356, and they reported 54 baptisms during the year.

The Convention made plans for a monthly publication, The Alaska Baptist Messenger, with B. I. Carpenter as editor, and named a committee to work with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention toward formation of a cooperative mission program in the Alaskan territory.

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Greek Protestant Sentenced For Attempted Proselytism

ATHENS—(RNS)—A member of the Free Evangelical Church Elias Paraskevopoulos, was sentenced to three and a half months' imprisonment and a heavy fine by the Court of Amalias, on a charge of proselytizing "by illegal methods."

The court accused Paraskevopoulos of giving a band of gypsies clothing sent by an American Christian organization in an attempt to convert them to Protestantism.

Paraskevopoulos has appealed the sentence and has been set free pending a decision by a higher court.

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Companions: The advertisement under a picture of an attractive young woman said, "Beer Belongs—Enjoy It." The news column on page one said, "Man Admits Beating Father to Death with Four Beer Bottles."—Selected.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of renewal subscriptions from Bethany Church, Marshall County, sent by Miss Josey Shaffner.

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MRS. O. A. FROST

After an illness of some length, death came to Mrs. O. A. Frost, on June 28, 1948. Long life had been granted her, and in every way she had been proven true, wife, mother, friend, in unselfish devotion. Acting the poet's lines to say "I Love You Truly," and never asking to hear it back again. Her lovely Christian character is the greatest solace in the sorrowing hour of separation. Her faith in God was outstanding in all that came to her in life. She never wavered in courage and committed all into His care and keeping.

"Now far beyond life's troubled sea, Where storm clouds rise and tempests rage,

At rest with Him who died for thee, Thy weary soul in bliss will live And there with God's redeemed you'll sing Through endless immortality."

Oh, monster death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victory?